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Panic Follows Blaze In River Steamer Women And Babies Perish In Dash Across Gangways

184 DEAD IN FERRY SINKING

Tokyo, Jan. 31. One hundred and eight-three persons are dead or missing in the sinking of the "Lya Maru" in the Inland Sea on Wednesday after hitting a mine, the owners, the Kansai Steamship Company, said today. The company issued the following figures for those on board—30 in all—passenger 269, crew 35, survivors 121, known dead 22, missing 161.—Associated Press.

Express Train Derailed

NORTH PLATTE, NEB., Jan. 31. A TRAINLOAD OF 214 PERSONS ESCAPED DEATH EARLY TODAY WHEN THE UNION PACIFIC'S "CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO," A "STREAMLINER" TRAVELLING AT 78 MILES AN HOUR, WAS DERAILLED ON THE NEBRASKA PLAINS.

The wreckage of 16 cars was strewn on both sides of the right of way. Union Pacific headquarters said only 18 persons were injured, none seriously.

On board the train were Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps Howard newspapers; Mrs. Howard; Ben Foster (Mr. Howard's secretary); Babe Pinelli (umpire of the Major League, en route to New York for a staff conference); and Charles J. Graham (president of Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad). None was injured.

Broken Wheel

Railway officials said a broken wheel on the middle unit of the Diesel-powered train was responsible for the derailment.

This was the second wreck in which Mr. Howard was a passenger. He was on train near Philadelphia a few years ago when a wreck occurred, killing 70 persons.

Mr. Howard said that several soldiers returning from duty in Japan were on the train.—United Press.

Wedemeyer's Plan For China

Shanghai, Jan. 31. The usually reliable Chinese daily "Shun Pao" today reported from Nanking that Generalsissimo Chiang Kai-shek has just received recommendations from Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer in which President Truman's fact-finder outlined proposals regarding currency reform, the development of natural resources, improvement of communications and other projects.

The paper did not mention whether the reported Wedemeyer programme is a duplicate copy of his report to President Truman on last year's fact finding mission, or was prepared at the request of President Chiang Kai-shek.

The paper claimed that Chiang at noon on Friday summoned Premier Chiangchun; Finance Minister O. K. Yu; Communications Minister Yu Tzu-wei; Chairman of the NRC.

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Gandhi Cremated:-

Moving Scene In Indian Capital

New Delhi, Jan. 31. Through masses of falling flowers and blossom petals, the remains of Mahatma Gandhi were today taken on their last journey. Hundreds of thousands of people lined the five and a half mile route from Birla House, where Gandhi was shot yesterday by a young man. Many perched on the walls or climbed trees. So dense was the crowd that the police had to link hands to hold the people back from the slowly moving bier.

At midnight last night, Gandhi's body had been bathed with water from the Jumna River and decked with flowers. Hymns were sung and a small lamp lit with Ghee (clarified butter) flickered in the room where the body lay.

An All-India radio commentator said from his vantage point that every inch of space was a "mass of seething humanity, as far as I can see, determined to have a last glimpse of the great leader."

In homage to India's great apostle of peace and non-violence, every flag in Delhi flew at half-mast on this fresh and sunny morning. The whole sub-continent was represented in the emotional mourning crowd along the procession and around Birla House.

The attacks were launched by members of the All-India Congress Party, who regarded Gandhi as their spiritual leader, against the militant Hindu Mahasabha communal organisation.

The young Hindu who shot Gandhi in New Delhi yesterday is believed to be a member of the Mahasabha organisation.

Most of the fighting took place in the Girgaum Road area, one of the three districts rocked by fighting yesterday in which six were killed and 48 wounded.

Congress followers attacked the offices of the Mahasabha organisation and also stormed the residences of its chief officers. The police dispersed the mob by firing over their heads. A curfew has been imposed in the area until 7 a.m. tomorrow.

The outbreak of fighting and threat of widespread violence brought out all available police in Bombay. Three battalions of troops and a squadron of tanks are being kept in readiness for action.—United Press.

Canberra Irked By H.K. Criticism

Canberra, Dec. 31. Australian Department of Commerce officials alleged today that some overseas importers were deliberately making false accusations about the "poor quality" of Australian exports with the intention of claiming price adjustments. Some claims had been successful they said.

The officials were commenting on a Hong Kong report that a Hong Kong Importer had claimed an entire shipment of hundreds of cases of Australian goods had been received badly packed and not up to sample.

One official said: "We do not say all exports from Australia are above criticism but there is no doubt some overseas importers who have been putting it over." He added that he could not believe an allegation that meat extract had been packed in unwashed ink bottles.

"The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Reginald Pollard," he added, "has threatened exceptionally strong action against exporters who flout the packing regulations.

"There is no doubt that exporters who send out poorly packed goods of inferior quality are doing tremendous damage to Australian trade."

General situation—The belt of high pressure over North China and Japan has weakened considerably, whilst a new Siberian cyclone is forming over Lake Baikal. A further depression has formed over the Yellow Sea to the west of the Loessland which will probably move north-eastwards towards Kyushu.

Forecast—Moderate east to south-east winds at first, backing later. Cloudy at first becoming fair during the day.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 62.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 51.0 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: Nil.

Today's Forecast: Total since Jan. 1—
81.4 mm.; 1.21 lbs. lbs. as against an average of 81.6 mm.; 1.22 lbs.
Rainfall at 10 a.m. 4.6 mm.
Baro. at m.s. 1012.1-1014.8 m.s.
Equal. 80.18 80.03 inches.
Rel. Humidity 84 87.5%
Dew Point 84 87 deg. F.
Wind Direction N.W. by N.
Wind Force 4 13 knots.

Where It Started



Fire On Freighter

A fire which broke out in the "Carrie Bend" in Kowloon Bay about 7:30 p.m. last night kept No. 1 Fire Float on the scene till past midnight.

Origin of the fire was believed to be cotton stored in the hold. The outbreak was confined to the hold, and was eventually got under control.

Exact amount of damage done was unknown.

The "Carrie Bend," which belongs to the Everett Steamship Co., was to have sailed for Shanghai last evening.

This picture, taken by the "Sunday Herald" photographer last night, shows the interior of the steerage section on board the "Kwong Tung" were the fire broke out. Lit around about the deck are bags of resin.

Union Jack Flying Again In Canton

Canton, Jan. 31. The Union Jack again flies over the British consulate offices at Canton. It was formally hoisted by the Consul-General, Mr. Ronald Hall, this afternoon when new temporary offices were occupied on Shamien.

The new flag replaces that torn down and ripped to shreds by the rioters who burned the consulate buildings a fortnight ago.

The ceremony was held in the presence of the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Au Yang-chu, and a small detachment of Chinese police saluted. The Mayor stood at attention.

When the flag reached the mast on the roof of the three-storeyed building loud applause broke out.

Except for official visitors Chinese spectators were kept at a distance, beyond guarding police and gendarmes.

The new premises are owned by Dr. R. L. Lancaster, of Canton. Before the war they were used as a nursing home.

Tough Job

During the Japanese occupation, the building was the German Consulate.

It has recently been used as the Canton branch office of Mr. T. W. Kwock, Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi in Hong Kong.

The Consular offices are on the ground floor of the building. The upper floors will be used as the residences of the Consul-General and the Consul, Mr. J. K. Blackwell.

The Mayor, who still has his right hand bandaged, said a result of attempting to stop the rioters a fortnight ago, was awarded the M.B.E. for his services.

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H.K. Boy Appointed A Cadet

The first local boy to be appointed a Cadet Officer in the Hong Kong Government was announced yesterday in the Government Gazette. He is Paul K. C. Tsui, who recently returned from a 15-month course in economics at Oxford and London Universities.

He is to become an Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports and is at present undergoing training at Mr. D. J. L. McWhirter to take over when the latter retires.

After connecting this to the hydrant, he ran back to the scene of the fire and extinguished it. Chan said that his work was greatly hampered by the surging crowds and also by the fact that immediately on the outbreak of fire, all lights on board were extinguished for a period.

Ng Fun, another member of the crew, said that during the stampede, people were seen looting the belongings of passengers.

The contents of the package which the fire is said to have originated were, on investigation, found to be resin. According to statements by several passengers, the package was tied to the banister of the stairway. By the side of the package, sat a man, whose cap was later found on one of the steps of the stairway.

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Powder Found

Nearby, a quantity of aluminum powder was also found and this is also said to have caught fire and to have been extinguished by members of the crew. At about 9 p.m. smoke was seen to be issuing from this powder and the Fire Brigade were summoned. The powder was later taken away.

Many passengers last night passed the night on board the vessel as they found it inconvenient to return to their homes. The ship was not badly damaged, but its sailing to Canton had been postponed pending an official inquiry.

Most of the luggage left behind in the flight to safety was completely soaked.

The accident occurred shortly after the train from Hankow had passed Shihukwan. Four freight cars were overturned.

The injured were removed to hospital in Shihukwan for treatment. The lines were cleared the following day.

Canton Express Off Rails : 4 Dead

Four freight guards were killed and 12 others injured (three seriously) when a Canton-bound train from Hankow was derailed north of Canton in the early hours of Thursday morning, according to Chinese press dispatches from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

An outward train from Canton, on the same railway line and carrying 30 cases of banknotes to Shihukwan, some 100 miles north of Canton, almost collided with the derailed train.

Several passengers and railway employees escaped with bruises and scratches. Four freight guards were thrown from the train and were crushed to death by freight cars rolling over them.

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Tiger In Shatin

A tiger raided a farm in the New Territories on Wednesday night and carried away a pig, according to a Chinese report from Shatin yesterday.

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employees escaped with bruises and scratches. Four freight guards were thrown from the train and were crushed to death by freight cars rolling over them.

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midnight on Wednesday, the frantic squalling of a pig attracted the attention of a watchman in Tai Wai Chuen.

When he awoke his torch on the

spot where the squalling came from he saw a tiger, with the pig in its jaws, trotting towards the hillside across the railway track.

The following morning, only the intestines and bones of the pig remained on the hillside.

When he awoke his torch on the

Beef In Ink Bottles

In Sydney, an official of the Australian Exporters Federation, said:

"I can understand beef ex-

tract being sent in ink bottles

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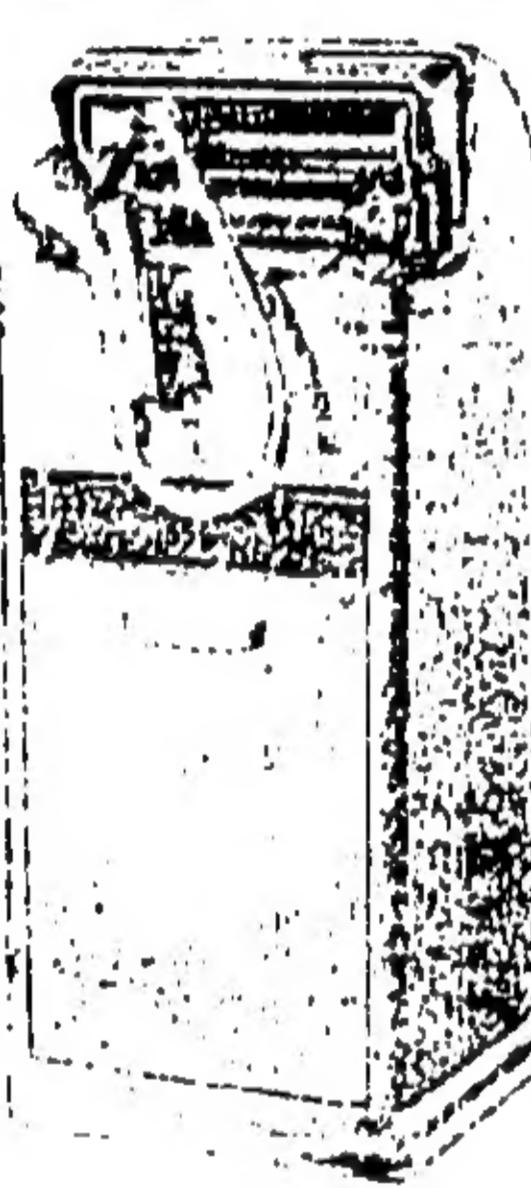
Rel. Humidity: 84 87.5%
Dew Point: 84 87 deg. F.
Wind Direction: N.W. by N.
Wind Force: 4 13 knots.



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Urban Council's Decision On Bathing Beaches

The intention this coming summer to provide for nothing more permanent than tents for public use on the Colony's principal bathing beaches is indicated in an Urban Council Notice.

Tenders are invited for monthly rentals for the right to occupy certain areas on the beaches and to erect tents for hire to the public by the hour or by the day for the period 15th April, 1948 to 14th November, 1948—

At Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (Site A) 50 tents.

At Repulse Bay (Main Beach) (Site B) 40 tents.

At Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay) (Site A) 30 tents.

At Stanley (Main Beach, Tytan Bay) (Site B) 20 tents.

At Island Bay (Shek O) 75 tents.

At Big Wave Bay 50 tents.

Tents must be of an approved type, dimensions not less than 7 feet long, 7 feet wide, 7 feet high, with an awning in front at least 6 feet long.

Each tent to be provided with table, two deck chairs, grass mat and fresh water (if available) at no extra cost.

The following maximum charge to be paid by the public will be allowed for the hire of tents:—

Repulse Bay & Stanley Bay

Big Wave Bay

Island Bay

Shek O

Big Wave Bay

Island Bay

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H.K. INDIANS IN MOURNING FOR GANDHI

Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems mourned yesterday for the death of Gandhi. The Indian National Tri-Colour was flown at half mast throughout the Colony outside stores and shops. All Indian establishments were closed and sports matches cancelled.

The only Moslem concern seen flying both the Pakistan and Indian National flags was Tyeb & Company, Queens Road. Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems mourned yesterday for the death of Gandhi. The Indian National Tri-Colour was flown at half mast throughout the Colony outside stores and shops. All Indian establishments were closed and sports matches cancelled.

A meeting was held at the Sikh Temple yesterday at midday when many Indians of all creeds attended. Mr. Burma, of Tyeb & Company, and a Moslem, said that although the Mahatma was dead his preaching is not in vain. We will further his ideals for peace. News of the assassination is like a bombshell in the hearts of all mankind throughout the world."

Opinions from local Indians of all classes and all creeds varied. In an interview with the "Sunday Herald," a well-informed Hindu, representing an Indian newspaper said:

"There is something deeper than we can fathom. But there is talk in some quarters of a foreign power paying the murderer to kill the Sufi. The more confused India becomes the better it will turn out for that power, which is trying under guise of peace to disunite Pakistan and India." (He declined to elaborate or identify the foreign power, which he said "is obvious to all eyes.")

Terrible Shock

A prominent Moslem businessman said:

It is a great shame. A man with a sense of human decency will not think of killing such an old and revered man like Gandhi." He suspected that it was more than a political motive that motivated the assassination. "He may have been paid to do it," he asserted, but he declined to say who would pay.

A Sikh Police officer, who arrived here a week ago from India, said:

"It's a terrible shock for us to hear of the news last night over the radio. The murderer might have killed for family reasons. It may be that his family were killed by the Moslems while they were in the Pakistan area and he wanted to seek revenge by killing the Moslems but was stopped by Gandhi's policy. As a result, he might have killed Gandhi to enable Hindus to follow a policy of violence, thus avenging his people."

A popular Sikh sportsman said: "The killer might be an extremist, one of the younger sect that opposes Gandhi's non-violence policy. He might have killed in revenge for his people who might have been killed by the Moslems. Gandhi's passive

policy has stopped them from violent action, and this might have been one reason for the killing."

Day of Fasting

A Hindu watchman said: "Gandhi is known to be pro-British and many of the younger revolutionaries do not like this. The British have been trying to confuse the two dominions by dividing the land. Gandhi wanted to unite the two lands, which have been killing each other's population for so many months. How can they forget such memories?"

A Sikh Court Interpreter commented: "India is a strong country, and if war should be declared, Pakistan could be overrun in a matter of weeks. Nehru and Gandhi wanted peace with Moslems, who have killed so many Hindus. Gandhi wanted to return the 157 Mosques in India to the Moslems, which the Hindus and Sikhs are occupying now. How can we do such a thing? Hindus will never agree with the Moslems."

He also asserted that Gandhi's pro-British policy aggravated the younger extremists' hatred for him.

Today will be observed by the Indian community as a day of fasting and prayer. A memorial service will be held at 9.30 a.m. at the Bhalsa Dijwan (Sikh) Temple.

The Moslem Mosque will also hold a meeting.

Funeral

The funeral of the late Alexander Ermalovich Obouhoff, aged 88, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday before a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The late Mr. Obouhoff is survived by a son, Paul, and three daughters: Mrs. Olga Pokrovsky (of Hong Kong), Mrs. Natalia Tushoff (of San Francisco) and Miss Alexander Obouhoff (of Shanghai).

Wreaths sent were from Mr. and Mrs. U. Vargasoff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hamman Dr. and Mrs. Vargasoff and family, Mrs. Tsvetkovich, Mr. and Mrs. Nesteroff, Mr. H. J. Moors, Mr. A. Moors, Mr. & Mrs. Reckorsky, Mr. A. C. Jpureburr.

Among those attending were Mendness, A. F. Moor, E. S. Lerkovich, V. N. Vargasoff, M. Syrik, L. P. Verigo, J. M. Prokrojansky, A. S. Gofinsky, V. Tsenim, Mr. & Mrs. M. N. Affuasoff, E. Cox-Walker, R. Huber, G. A. Hamman, F. Drapet, and Messrs. V. I. Treskon, A. P. Tkachenko, G. N. Telskorsky, and J. A. Sokoloff.

An Arab Defender



Arab defences in the city of Jerusalem have been enlarged recently and attacks on the Jewish section have increased. The Arabs are well equipped with eight machine guns and other small arms. Here an Arab Volunteer with two hand grenades. Molotov cocktail, rifle and ammunition, is seen at this post ready for action. (A.P. Photo).

Readers' Letters

Disclaimer

Sir—Concerning Mr. Denis Victor's letter condemning a man who removed for the Japanese the statue of Queen Victoria, I heard in a whisper in a cafe that the man referred to was me.

I emphatically declare to you, Sir, that I never removed

personally any statue for the Japanese. I ask you to print this statement to avoid further insinuations and implications.

If Mr. Victor is so patriotic, he does not need to grumble about crimes which have been pardoned by the government.

Our governmental authority has been too much jeopardised. I hope Mr. Victor will fight for the present and not the past.

Your paper has, for example, reported that Chinese Maritime Customs officials seized and confiscated eighty-five taels of gold bars in the heart of British territory. Mr. Victor can best represent the victim to prosecute such officials for assault and treachery, as "Flat Justice" suggested. Otherwise let the dead bury their dead.

LONG YOUNG.

Sir—Mr. Victor in yesterday's "China Mail" made a point. He has asked anonymous letter-writers in the somewhat tedious argument we have been conducting to disclose their identity. His distaste of poison-pen strategy, I can merely echo.

He leaves me only to say to anonymous letter-writers: "Put up or shut up."

To which might be added: "If you feel incapable of doing that, consider the ways of cockpooches returning to the woodwork; but wise with them and follow."

J.W.R. PEARSON.

Sir.—The ZBW broadcast of General Maliby's Hong Kong despatches Friday night was a brilliant example of how not to do it. What exactly was the point of having three people with dull voices read, word for word, what had already appeared in full in our morning newspapers?

Had there been an attempt to dramatise the feature, to give us some sound effects other than some tinkly stuff on a battered piano, one might have a good word to say for ZBW, even if the result was not all the programme people hoped for. Had it been condensed to, say, 10 minutes, those who had not had the time to read through 12 columns of newsprint might have been grateful for the synopsis.

As it is, I cannot think of a greater waste of time. The Brains Trust, which was dropped, would at least have been something new to us.

THE LISTENER.

Sir.—Our attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in your paper of the 31st instant in which it is stated that factories will be completely cut off from the Company's supply if they use power over the hours of 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily. This is not the case.

The arrangements which are being made with factory users are designed so as to cause the least inconvenience to the community as a whole. The alternative to voluntary restrictions on the part of large consumers may well be to cut off entire districts should the demand for current rise above the limit of the Generating Station, and it is desired to avoid this measure at all costs.

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SEQUEL TO SQUATTER HUT DESTRUCTION

Li Kai-min, Interpreter of the Health Department, Wan Chai Section, charged with accepting a bribe, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday. Presenting defendant, Mr. Hin Shing Lo, pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Superintendent F.W. Shatian, outlining the case, told the Court that before Christmas and the New Year last year squatter huts in the Sau Wah-fong (Wan Chai) area were demolished by Government.

Before these were removed, the inmates, including six opium divan keepers, approached defendant and offered him money providing that he used his influence to let them carry on.

None of these bribes were accepted and the huts were eventually pulled down.

Offered \$500

A few days ago, these squatters approached defendant again and offered him \$500 if he would let them re-erect their huts and warn them in advance if Government intended to pull them down again.

Defendant agreed, and arrangements were made at a cafe. The Police were informed and marked money was given to the accused.

"I am not happy over the circumstances of this matter," Mr. Shatian remarked, "as there may be a possibility the complainant did it in revenge."

Defendant brought the money to his uncle with whom he changed it into small change.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the very circumstances presented a clear cut case to the Police but in themselves also were in mitigation.

Threatened

His client had refused all offers of bribes before the huts were pulled down. The \$500 bribe was initiated by the complainant and there is a law providing that the offered should be charged likewise."

Mr. Shatian "interposed" and said that the action was supervised by Police after information was received.

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16.10 a.m.—B.R.C. Transcription Service: "Think on These Things".

16.45 a.m.—Glazenov: "Steaks", "Rasins", "Orch. of Brussels", Royal Conservatoire.

17.00 a.m.—Radio the Services from St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Preacher: The Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, M.A., O.B.E.

17.00 a.m.—B.R.C. Transcription Service: "This shall be". By John Ireland, Wife, Sister and B.R.C. Symphony Orchestra.

17.30 a.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

17.32 a.m.—A Light Concert.

17.35 a.m.—News, Weather Report, and Announcements.

17.35 a.m.—Interlude.

17.40 a.m.—Music by Albany.

17.45 a.m.—Close Down.

17.50 a.m.—London Relay: Weekly News.

17.55 a.m.—B.R.C. Variety Orchestra.

18.00 a.m.—Radio Music: "Work and Home News".

18.05 a.m.—Radio Orchestra: "Orchestra".

18.10 a.m.—B.R.C. Transcription Service: "Orly News", by A. Trollope.

18.15 a.m.—London Relay: "TMA" with Tommy Handley.

18.45 p.m.—Piano: Davis, Dawson and London.

19.00 p.m.—London Relay: "Work and Home News".

19.05 p.m.—Radio Music: "Work and Home News".

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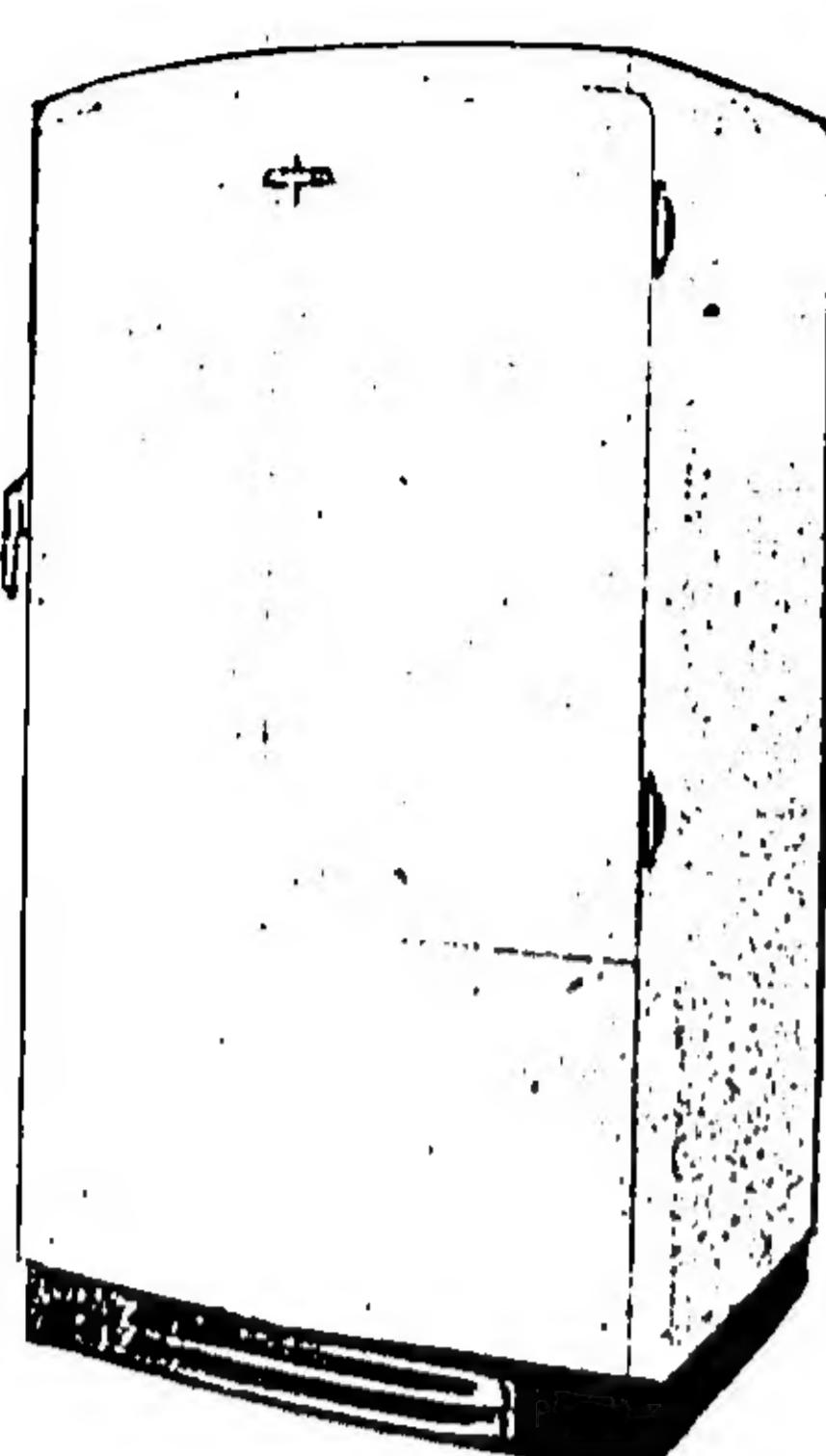
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

Despatches.

Now that Brooke-Popham and Malby have released their despatches on Singapore and Hong Kong, presumably the arguments will start. Malby's despatches told us little we did not already know. It was much the same thing both in Hong Kong and further South—failure to appreciate what the enemy could, and probably would, do; a lack of nearly everything with which to fight; a really inadequate inter-communication system; inter-service jealousies; and precautions which should have been taken as elementary first steps, and never were.

Taking Brooke-Popham first, it seems to me he is a trifle inconsistent. He talks of having only a smattering of regular officers, and implies that one of the handicaps from which they suffered was the fact that so much had to be left in the hands of inexperienced junior officers. Well, perhaps. On the other hand, the most serious error of all—failure to appreciate Japanese intentions—was made by those experienced officers at the very top.

When one reads of the mistakes they made, it tends to make one question the value of the experience whose scarcity Brooke-Popham despises. Those junior officers may not have had their commission long; they may have lacked experience. But they were keen, eager to learn and not, initially, affected by that mental inertia which, in the higher ranks, confined thinking in the antiquated lessons of World War One. Brigadier Lawson, of the Canadian Army, may, like his men, have lacked Brooke-Popham and Co.'s experience; but he died in Hong Kong fighting alongside his men—and sheltering in a "Battle Box."

Or take the question of aircraft. Brooke-Popham himself visited Hong Kong about a year before and gave an unimpressive press conference. The question of aircraft cover for Hong Kong he avoided by saying: "You show me where I can put the aircraft and then maybe we'll answer that question." When the balloon went up, our "air force" consisted of a handful of venerable "Vilde-beests" and "Walrus" machines—a string-and-wire bound collection that lasted five minutes....on the ground.

NO PLANES

The real fact, of course, was that there were no planes available, though I doubt if Brooke-Popham himself realised that this would be the case 12 months later. So far as Hong Kong is concerned, he took one look at Kai Tak and gave up thinking of aircraft for this part of the world. When I got to Calcutta at the end of 1942, I found that that smelly metropolis had found one solution. They blocked off the main highway in the heart of town—a thoroughfare about as wide as Nathan Road or King's Road near North Point—and this became an airstrip for a squadron of fighters. The Japs made a couple of attempts to bomb Calcutta....but never again.

Perhaps, of course, it was a foregone conclusion that Hong Kong would fall. But a few fighters would have prolonged the siege even if they, too, were eventually put out of action. Malby himself practically admits he didn't really know what to do with the few aircraft we had. He gave orders that, since they were no match for enemy fighters, they were not to be employed except at "first light or dusk, for a torpedo attack on any enemy capital ship or cruiser." The rest of the time they were to be parked on Kai Tak airfield.

The result was that the obvious happened. On their first raid, the Japs attacked Kai Tak and put all planes out of action. I talked to some of the RAF boys a little later and they almost wept; they knew that would happen and had been left to them they'd have gone up and done their best to prevent the Japs from having an easy fly-over and some machine-gun practice on sitting targets. Those "Vilde-beests" would have been useless against a capital ship—as, perhaps, the MTBs might have been. But it is worth noting the Japs didn't know much about MTBs. In one successful attack, at night—in which one Jap ship was sunk and another damaged—the Japs thought they were being attacked from the air and put up a deadly AA. barrage until almost the last moment. No mention of this in Malby's despatches.

Indeed, so far as the Navy is concerned in his report, it might well have been one of the ARP services. For instance, talking of the withdrawal of the rear-guard 5th Battalion of the 7th Rajputs, he says the Navy assisted in the withdrawal. The Rajputs, he says, "accomplished this without casualties, covered by artillery fire from various island positions" and says the last batch arrived at Aberdeen at 9.20 a.m. Far from merely assisting, the Navy carried out a major part of the operation.

EVACUATION

The MTBs and the destroyer "Thracian" went in at first light. The Rajputs were lining the waterfront, waiting silently, while their men whistled. In the background, the MTBs ran in to a pier, took on a load of men and ferried them out to "Thracian," then back for more. In the darkness, one MTB lost all three of its screws. Every "ponto" was taken off and put on the destroyer, which, taking the damaged MTB in tow, moved off through Lyemun and round the south of the Island to Aberdeen. The other MTBs waited of time going over old ground, threw a protective screen around her, and pointing out what today, even

By ARTHUR GEE

It was a bright, clear morning, with a warm sun shining down, and we expected an attack from the air at any moment. Nothing happened. It is news to us that the withdrawal was "covered by artillery fire from various island positions."

Then, I disagree with his statement that he had all his forces deployed at their battle positions in ample time on Dec. 7th. It may come as news to many that at 3 a.m. on December 8th—when the balloon went up here—two local newspapermen tuned in to Manila and received the electrifying news that a surprise air raid was in progress. They rang up the Colonial Secretary, Government House and the CIOU's HQs—and were laughed at for spreading alarmist rumours.

All the forces at battle stations? Ronnie Ashby and I were on the duty MTB alongside "Robin" at Lyemun boom that night. We left her at 6 a.m., came in, refuelled—and it was not till 7.45 a.m. when we came ashore for a brush-up, a wash and (as we thought) a spell of "leaf," that we learned that war had been declared four hours before. We learned this in idle conversation, five minutes before the first air raid on Kai Tak. If Malby's forces were at battle stations 24 hours before, why was not a word sent to the duty MTB and the gunboat manning the vital Lyemun Pass boom defences?

Discussing the events of Friday, Dec. 19th, he says that "at 7.36 a.m. MTBs were sent to the vicinity of Green Island to be ready to attack enemy vessels ferrying troops from the Mainland to the Island." Actually, we were sent into Kowloon Bay—the opposite end of the harbour—with orders to shoot up the landing craft then coming across to North Point. There is a slight difference between "hanging around Green Island—which we had done a couple of nights earlier for several hours—and going into Kowloon Bay with definite orders."

Although Brooke-Popham stresses everyone "with experience" seemed surprised that the Japs should attack us from the Mainland, instead of from seaward (where all our heavy defences were). Why? If I lock the front door and leave the back one open, why shouldn't I expect you to try and come in through the kitchen—especially if you're in the back garden at the time? And don't get the idea that (a) a threat from the rear was a new one or (b) that no one had pointed out this danger long before. From my "library," I extract a few sentences from a book written in 1895 by one Henry Norman, entitled "The Far East." On Page 24, discussing Hong Kong, he wrote:

"The place is probably impregnable from the sea....With the principal entrances minded....all preparations for which exist in the most complete and detailed manner—our hostile fleet attacking Hong Kong harbour would in all human probability come utterly to grief. The weak point is well known to be on the other side. In the military manoeuvres the attacking force has gone in again and again. The results are all planned, and there are plenty of machine-guns and a few howitzers, but with the large forces possessed by Russia in Siberia....to say nothing of the powerful Japanese Army, it is impossible to feel happy about Hong Kong....Especially is this the case if the common remark of naval men, that the event of war the fleet would at once put to sea and leave Hong Kong to take care of itself, is to be taken literally."

That was written 46 years before the attack on Pearl Harbour and Hong Kong. It makes ironic reading now, doesn't it? If anyone writing an independent account of the battle of Hong Kong were to ask me—not that they would, I was one of the most inexperienced of the junior officers—I would say a major fault with the local conduct of operations lay in the poor system of communications.

The Brass Hat in their underground "Battle Box" were probably able to pass their minutes and hand-signals back and forth and even get together over a cup of tea without much difficulty. But more than half the time the people out in the front lines and outposts, doing the actual fighting, didn't know what was going on, where the enemy were, or even where their rations were coming from.

If I tend to harp on the naval side of things, it is only because that is the side I was concerned with, and we had very little accurate knowledge of what was going on elsewhere. Major-General Malby makes no mention of the fact that when the MTBs returned from the Kowloon Bay shoot-up, they found gunboats and auxiliary patrol craft being scuttled, right, left and centre. It was all Ashby could do to prevent the carrying-out of orders to scuttle our damaged MTB. This was a week before Hong Kong fell.

And so on. As the Editor pointed out on Friday, the Malby despatches do not tell the whole story and a good deal of what is lacking is not wholly unimportant. A lot of questions remain without an answer. Perhaps, however, it is really a

small. Readers of my weekly music notes in the Magazine Supplement will have gathered that I tend to be a booster of British music and composers. Not because I am narrowly patriotic, or anything like that. But so many people tend to think that the only good and great music comes from the Continent and that the best England can do is represented by such ephemeral works as Adinelli's "Warsaw Concerto" and Toy's "The Haunted Ballroom."

Few seem to realise that the Nocturne was the "invention" of a British composer named Field and not a Pole by the name of Chopin. They talk of the operas of Monteverdi, Puccini, Mozart, and Wagner, and overlook the fact that Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" is the oldest living opera, dating back to 1689; the next work of comparable rank, Gluck's "Orfeo," was not written till 1762. Thanks to the British Council, ZBW at last has the opportunity to remedy local ignorance of the works of British composers, past and present.

There are so many records that it would be impossible to describe the collection adequately. Perhaps the best I can do is to pick one or two from each sub-section as typical and a personal choice—with the reminder that the wide range will meet all tastes, even if you do not approve of those I have selected for inclusion.

(A) Orchestral—Bax's "Third Symphony," Blis' "Piano Concerto and Phoenix March," Elgar's "Second Symphony," Holst's "The Planets," Moor's "Symphony in G Minor," Rawsthorne's "Street Corner Overture," Vaughan Williams' "Job—A Masque for Dancing," and Warlock's "Capitol Suite."

(B) Chamber—Chamberlain's "The King's Heart," by Bull (1562-1628), "Earl of Salisbury," by Byrd (1543-1623), Field's Nocturnes in A and G major, Moor's Trio in G and Purcell's "Five-part Fantasia on One Note."

(C) Vocal—Bantock's "The Cloths of Heaven," Boughton's "The English Rose," Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius," Handel's "Like as the Love-Lorn Turtle," Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," and Walton's "Belshazzar's Feast."

(D) Organ—Not much choice here, as there's only one record—Handel's "Largo" (from "Semele") and, on the other side, "Now Thank We All Our God."

(E) Light—Ansel's "Plymouth Joe" overture, German's "Merrill England" and "Nell Gwyn" dances, Grainger's "Muck Morris" and the complete recordings of Sullivan's "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," and "Trial by Jury."

(F) Traditional—Folk dances: Flamborough Sword Dance, "Haste to the Wedding," "Fourpence-halfpenny-farthing" and "Passing By;" Hebridean: "Skye Boat Song" and "The Road to the Isles"; Scottish: "Brissay Love Lilt" and "Westerling Home."

(G) Band—Difficult to choose here. Which would you prefer—Colonel Bogey, With Sword and Ax, Nautical Moments, Blaze Away, or an Eightime Reel? There are also some tattoo selections: Scottish "Command" and Northern Command, to pick but two.

I don't know whether or not ZBW has any idea as to the best means of putting these records on for the first time. I would suggest to them, however, that as a measure of our gratitude to the British Council, and in keeping with the aims of that body, they take advantage of the gift put on a special series of programmes covering the works of British composers—on, say, the lines of the present BBC features, "Modern British Music," by Lionel Salter, or "Ballet Music of British Composers."

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LONDON, JAN. 30. FASHIONABLE SHOPS IN VIENNA'S BOND STREET, THE KARNTNER STRASSE, HAVE LARGE NOTICES IN THE WINDOWS, "LUXURY GOODS FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY." HEAVY LEATHER SUITCASES, LEATHER BAGS, LUXURY BROCADES, WOOLLENS AND JEWELLERY CAN ALL BE BOUGHT FOR POUND AND DOLLAR NOTES—AND THEY ARE.

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To help this trade, Vienna is becoming one of the currency black markets centres of Europe. While I was dining in a club a little man in a tinfoil hat entered the bar and offered to one of the customers a big sum, four thousand dollars in twenty-dollar bills. The price was 63 Austrian schillings a dollar, the official rate is 40.

The buyer checked some of the notes by a quick glance against the light. A moment later the deal was done. Within ten minutes the buyer had sold his dollars to another customer in the same bar for 71 Austrian schillings a dollar, netting a profit of 40,000 schillings—£100.—Our Own Correspondent.

REPORT DENIED

Ankara, Jan. 29. Reports from the Palestine Arab office today that a Turkish volunteer brigade was now being formed in Ankara to fight for the Arabs in Palestine, was denied in authoritative quarters here tonight. Agence, the Anatolian news agency reported.—Reuter.

Jewish Militia Plan Is Turned Down

London, Jan. 30. Great Britain today announced that until British rule in Palestine ended British troops would defend the whole area against any international attack and would refuse to permit the organization of Jewish militia. The decision against the formation of a Jewish militia defied the wishes of the United Nations Palestine Commission and the urgent demands of the Jewish Agency.

Earlier, the Commission had appointed Philippine Senator Vicente J. Francisco as a one-man subcommittee to negotiate between Britain and the Jewish Agency on the question of forming a militia.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain), in a sharp session with the Commission, insisted that for security reasons the proposed militia could not operate in the Holy Land until Britain gives up her mandate there on May 15.

Sir Alexander requested the Commission to stay out of Palestine until about May 1 and warned that Britain would not accept the responsibility of protecting Commission members if they should arrive earlier.

The Commission pointed out that the General Assembly had

U.S.-CHINA PARCEL POST

New York, Jan. 30. Registered parcel post service with China, which was halted at the beginning of the war, will be resumed on February 2, according to the local Post Office. A maximum 55 lb. per package may be sent to China at 22 cents per lb.—Central News.

Strange Soviet Protest

Berlin, Jan. 30. Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, Soviet Military Governor in Germany, alleged today that 200 Soviet citizens were being held in Bavaria against their will by the Americans under conviction sentences and in violation of a Soviet-American agreement signed in 1945.

Marshal Sokolovsky made the complaint in a public letter to General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, which appeared in today's issue of the official Soviet occupation zone newspaper, "Tägliche Rundschau," and in the "Neues Deutschland," the newspaper of the Soviet-controlled German Socialist Party.

The publication in the press of letters of protest from one Military Governor to another is unprecedented. The appearance of the letter was made even more extraordinary by the fact that the four-power Allied Control Council, at which matters of high level disagreement are usually threshed out, was meeting in Berlin this afternoon.

It was later announced that this meeting was postponed until tomorrow at the request of Marshal Sokolovsky. The reason for the Soviet request was not known but postponements often occur.—Reuter.

TROOPS RE-DEPLOYED IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Jan. 30. It is becoming increasingly clear that the withdrawal of Britain's military and police forces from Palestine—as distinct from the relinquishment of the Mandate by May 15 will not be completed by the target date of August 1.

The swift decline of the Holy Land into a state little short of chaos has made necessary the complete re-deployment of troops, instead of the concentration needed for easy movement to the ports, and has brought the movement of shipping almost to a halt.

Already, the withdrawal programme is well behind schedule, and the delay is likely to widen progressively and by August may have reached eight weeks or more.

The ports of Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv are hopelessly congested owing to lack of labour. Cyprus loading is greatly delayed and the Army's plans were based on the prompt shifting of ships of p. Customs sheds are choked with imports which the merchants cannot collect.

Both the Army and the Police quickly to get out of Palestine as quickly as possible, but the chaotic conditions have completely disrupted the delicately balanced "movement" tables upon which any orderly evacuation must be based.

There is a strong feeling among staff officers that much of the material and stores earmarked for transfer to Cyprus and new African bases will have to be destroyed if withdrawal is to keep to anything like schedule.

Absenteeism

The withdrawal plans of the Palestine Government are not as yet seriously affected, although absenteeism of both Jewish and Arab employees, as a result of the clashes, is slowing down the work of the departments.

The situation has long since developed beyond the point where ultimatums, threats, and local punitive actions by the British are likely to have any effect.—Our Own Correspondent.

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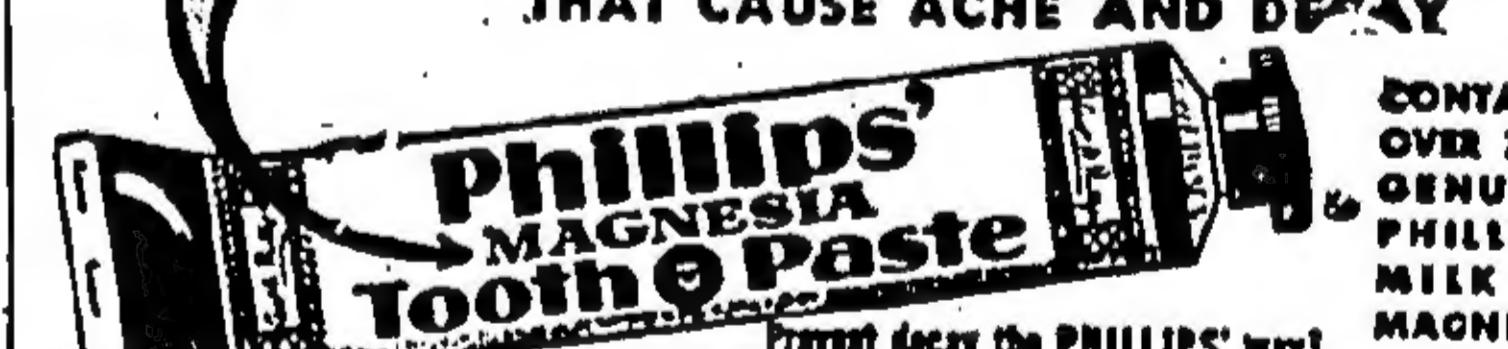
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By Margaret Bradbury

Leaning back in a comfortable armchair in the drawing room of Government House shortly after his arrival in Hong Kong from Japan, Lord Killearn who is Britain's Special Commissioner in South East Asia, began answering questions about the main problem affecting the Far East today—the production and distribution of rice.

The tall, jovial peer who is suffering from a heavy cold as a result of his visit to the colder northern regions, was guarded in his views on the subject. "The number of rice-eating mouths," he said, "is increasing enormously every year, whereas the rate of production is still a long way short of peacetime as a result of war damage. Although exports have stated that the rice supplies will not catch up with the demand for another five years, I am not so pessimistic about the situation. The monthly conferences held in Singapore over which I am chairman, have been, and are, of great use to all countries involved in the problem of rice consumption. Included in the countries which send delegates are Ceylon, India, Siam, Burma, Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies, Sarawak, Brunei, British North Borneo and Hong Kong. Our object is to make the many races involved realize that the solution will be found only when it is realized that it is a common effort, and that an empty stomach is not a British intrigue."

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Lord Killearn added that although Burma, one of the principal rice exporting countries, is now producing on an increasingly large scale, and Siam's flow of rice is now coming along better than in recent months, it would take a long time before the post-war supply could be reached. "However," he said, "I think we have got round the worst corners. In 1946 there was a time when starvation was not far off, but this was averted. That situation reminds me of Marshal Petain who when asked how the Battle of Verdun was won, replied: 'I don't know, but I do know what would have been blunder if we'd lost it!'"

Comparing Hong Kong's rice supply with that of Malaya, Lord Killearn said he thought this area was far better off. "In Malaya the rice ration is now four and a half ounces a day per person, while before the war it was four times as much. This amount is made up to as much as possible by flour and other commodities, but that still is not satisfactory to a rice-eating people." Asked for his opinion on the formation of the Federation of Malayan States, Lord Killearn replied that he thought it a progressive step "in that the Chinese and Malaysians will now (we hope) take a more active part in their own affairs."

UNIQUE CITY

On the subject of his visit to Japan, Lord Killearn who spent three days in Tokyo and also visited Kyoto, the celebrated ancient capital, said he thought the Americans were doing a grand job of work there. On their way

to Tokyo from Hong Kong, he and Lady Killearn stayed in Sofia and later to Peiping. In 1920 he became acting British Commissioner in Siberia and British Minister to China in 1926/33. His next post took him nearly half way across the world to Egypt and the Sudan in 1934 when he became High Commissioner for these areas, and was appointed Special Commissioner in South East Asia in 1946.

MR. STANTON HOPE

During the course of the last two years, Hong Kong has received visits from many international authors either in transit to Japan or Europe, or in search of book material in the Colony. Last week, British author Mr. Stanton Hope, who is also a London newspaper journalist and lecturer in the Forces, arrived on his way from Japan. This was his first visit here for forty years, and he was "more than impressed with the progress in industry and building which the Colony has made." A tall, lean man in his late fifties, with saffron eyes and greying hair, Mr. Hope spoke wistfully of his many travels all over the world as a member of ships crews. His first trip here from England was made as a member of the crew of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's ship, the "Empress of India" which at that time was one of three similar ships carrying passengers across the Pacific and the Far East. Hong Kong Harbour in those days, said Mr. Hope, was crowded with ships of all nations, including the Nord Deutscher Lloyd and its many sailing ships. Sampans and junks were far more numerous and today compared to 1908 the surrounding waters are now nearly empty.

Another memory which Mr. Hope retained of his visit to this part of the world concerned a "Chinese execution ground in Canton where all pirates and robbers were at that time beheaded without trial. This used to occur once weekly in full view of the public," he said "and was a very gruesome sight."

Mr. Hope left Hong Kong on Thursday by R.A.F. transport plane for Singapore. He intends to remain there for a short time before continuing his journey to Iraq with a view to collecting further material for a new travel book.

MR. T. W. KWOK

A type of school now to Hong Kong, and based on the Dalton Plan, is shortly to be opened here by Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Thomas. This plan has been tried out over a period of more than 20 years both in England and the U.S.A. There are now more than 2,000 schools in England using it, and Mr. Thomas' school for girls before the war, found it particularly successful for Chinese students. The essence of the Dalton Plan is that students are not "taught" all the time but are given a certain portion of their time at school every day in which to study.

During that period they are free to allot their time as they please among their various subjects. Another feature of the Plan is that students are given at the beginning of each three or four weekly period, a detailed assignment showing exactly what work is expected of them in every subject during that time.

It is thought that this gives a deeper interest and a greater feeling of satisfaction in the work. Also, by knowing more clearly what work lies ahead of him, a student gets through his good subjects in a short time and can then devote extra time to his weak subjects. Each subject has as far as possible its own set of books for reference. In practice, a student decides to do some mathematics. He goes accordingly to the mathematics room, looks at his assignment and begins work. After a time he keeps a careful record of work done, and goes off to the English room to do some of his English assignment. Not only is he learning some mathematics and some English, he is also learning how to make the best of his time and is developing his own will power and initiative.

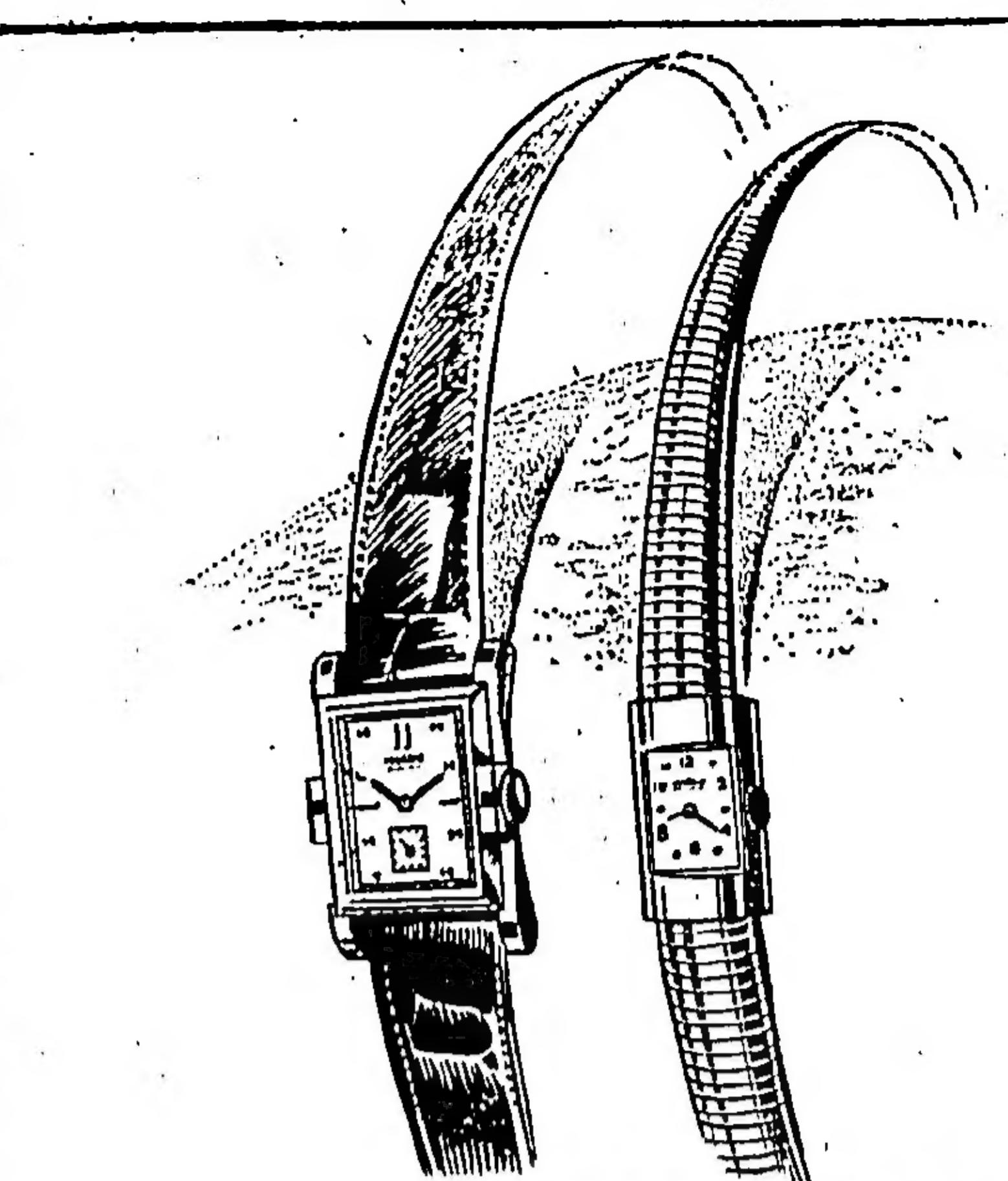
ABOUT PAKISTAN'S CAPITAL

Most air passengers arriving in Hong Kong from Europe have experienced a night stop, or refuelling interlude, at Karachi, now the capital of Pakistan and also the seat of the Sind Government. As a short stay does not always provide the opportunity of exploring a city, the following printed details may be of interest. Karachi is the aerial gateway of India and this has greatly increased its importance in recent years. The large airship hangar at the airport was built to receive the ill-fated R.101 which crashed near Beauvais or its maiden voyage to India.

Being a comparatively new and modern city, there are few buildings of historic interest in Karachi, but some 12 miles outside the city there is a sacred crenelated pool. There are three cinemas which show English and American films and several private clubs. Population is estimated at about 360,000 and one of the main industries is fishing. Lowest temperature experienced in Karachi is in January when it averages 50 deg. F. and humidity of 50 per cent. Maximum temperature is in April, May and June, when the temperature is 95 deg. F. and humidity is 71 per cent.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

The decoration awarded to Mr. T. W. Kwok, China's Foreign Affairs Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi which was conferred by the Chinese Government in a proclamation on the 1st January is "The Order of the Brilliant Star (3rd class)." An unusual deviation from the rules was made by the Government in issuing the proclamation at that time, for China has only three Honour Lists each year. New Year's Day, in May and in October. I learn that there are eight classes to the Order the first two are reserved to heads of State, and Ministers of Cabinet rank.



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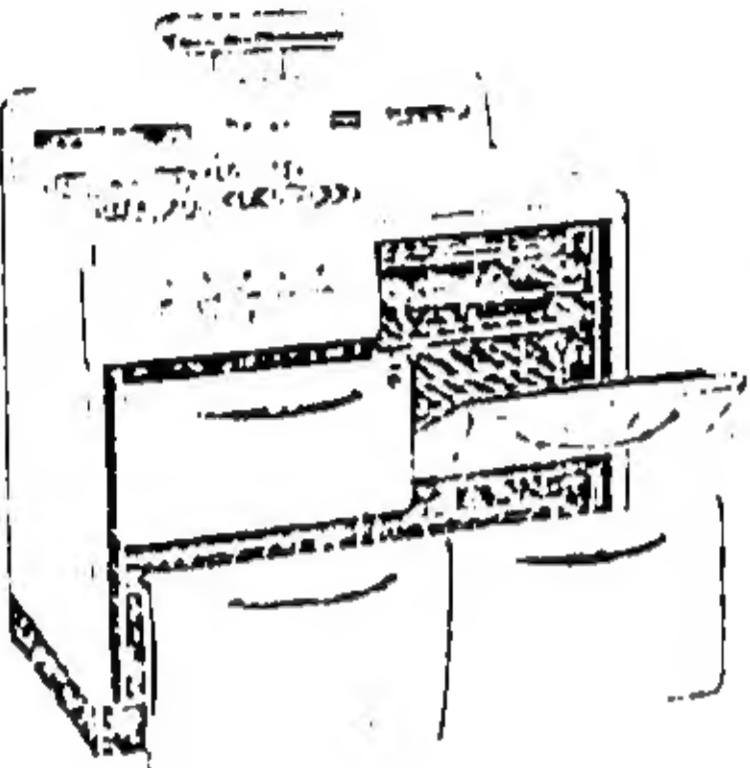
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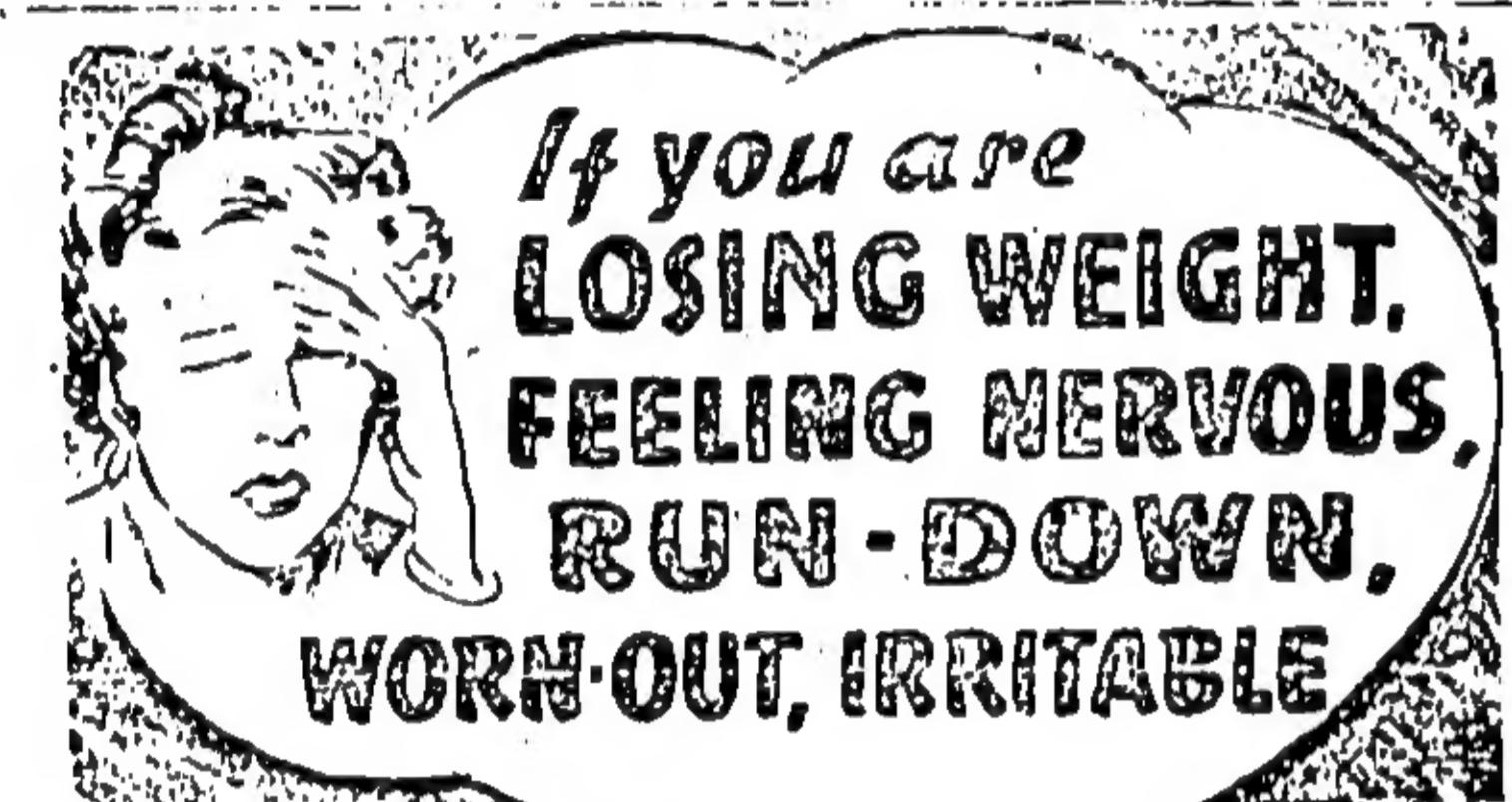
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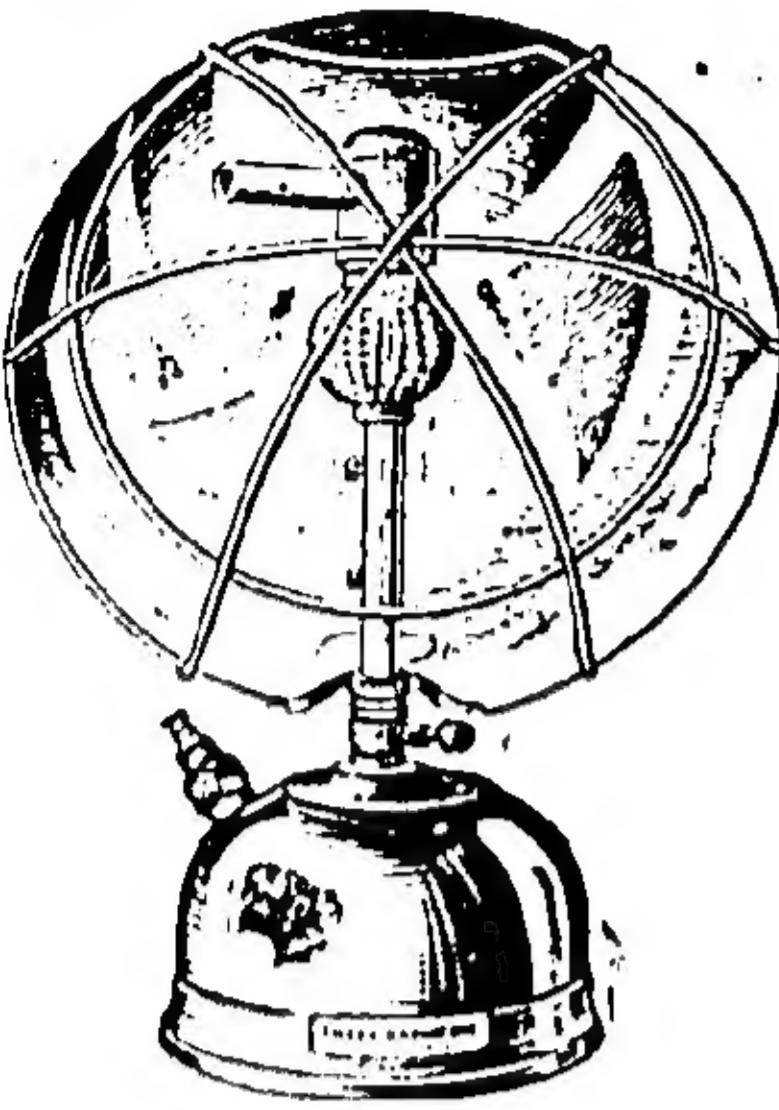
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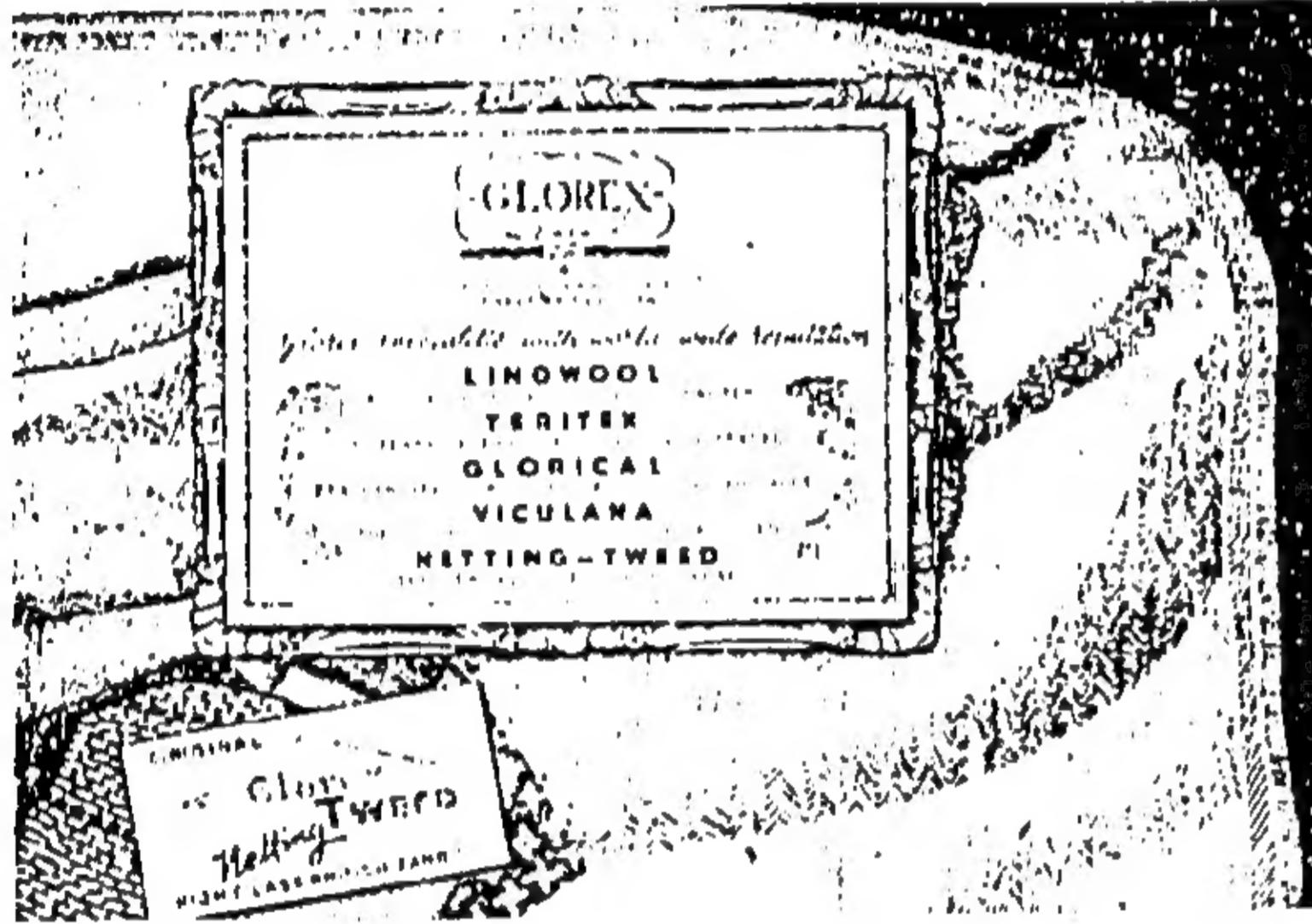
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PIECE

Every Thursday, in a restaurant in Wardour-street, a firm which manufactures apparatus for magicians gives a furiously jolly lunch for any magicians who may care to come along.

The lunch is preceded and concluded by a furiously jolly get-together in the firm's show-rooms, which are situated just around the corner.

The magicians show one another card tricks and discuss the merits of the vanishing bird-cage. They yell out new patter and laugh jolly at the jokes.

I went along there the other day, already smiling.

The room, about the size of a railway carriage, was full of magicians, magic cabinets, linking

rings, trick cigarettes, and double-ended packs of cards.

A short magician came up with a serious face. "Excuse me," he said, "would you mind choosing a card?" He extended the pack in a fan.

Some of the other magicians dropped what they were doing and gathered round.

I chose a card from the middle of the pack. There's no point in trying to be cunning with these experts.

I turned the card over. It was a cartoon of the magician himself, inscribed: "ARTHUR DOWLER, THE WIZARD OF COD."

has runners instead of wheels. Nearly all the babies are wrapped up into rigid little bundles with even their faces covered and their mothers carry them.

Few Grumbles

Moscow's big shops are bright and crowded. They are open until 10 p.m., including Sundays, but are closed all day Monday. It took me quite a time to get used to going shopping after supper. The theatres are also open on Sunday and take Monday as their rest day.

At the theatre, at any rate, I fell at home. One theatre was running Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," another Oscar Wilde's "The Ideal Husband" and yet another Sheridan's "The School for Scandal."

Moscow's theatre is the one little bit of England in Russia.

You don't hear people talking much about Britain, though

there is no doubt of their interest in British playwrights,

particularly our classic writers,

Priestley's new play, "The Inspector Calls," had its world

premiere in Moscow some

months ago.

An Englishwoman in Moscow is still something of a curiosity. I met many people who asked me what New York was like. They did not understand the difference between Britain and America, and thought of both countries as "the Anglo-Americans." That is probably helped by the sort of poster I saw outside a hall advertising a lecture on "The Development of Anglo-American Imperialism."

You can't very well compare the British housewife with her Russian counterpart.

The abolition of rationing has not made so much difference to the average Russian as it would do to us here. For some time

rationing had been only a small part of the Russian housewife's food supply.

She could buy as much as she could afford in the open markets, where peasants and pedlars brought produce to sell.

Sometimes I was lucky enough to get eggs and I boiled them in an electric ring in my room. In Russia these rings are an important piece of household equipment, because many families live in one room and have no other kitchen facilities.

One of the odd things that strikes you when you walk down the street in Moscow is the policeman blowing his whistle. It is to warn people that they are crossing the road at a point not marked a pedestrian crossing.

Swarms of men and women waiting at a tram stop settle like bees on a tram already overflowing with passengers. Some manage to crowd their way inside; the rest cling to the outside board.

Oddly enough, the conductress seems to have no trouble.

Tickets are passed from hand to hand till they reach her, and back come the tickets.

The Muscovites look drab. You see fewer fur coats than in London. Most people wear a straight padded coat, colour somewhere between navy blue and lead grey, which flatters nobody's figure, but does keep out the cold. Nobody wears the sort of hats you see here—their ears would be frozen. If you haven't a cap with ear flaps, you tie a scarf or shawl over your head.

You see a lot of babies, but only rarely a pram, and it has

only a few of them.

Queuing up in the Metro one

day I saw a group of young

sters looking at a Russian edi

tion of Shakespeare. I heard a

mother with a tubby little boy

say to her husband: "The child

is growing so fast it is a puzzle

to make his clothes keep up

with him." The little boy kept

saying: "We are going to the

circus." And a Russian blonde

said to her friend: "I got some

smashing nail varnish yester

day."

I heard little talk about the international situation, and it was not often that anybody mentioned the prospect of a war.

When they did it was to say: "Why do the Anglo-American want to stop us safe

guarding our country?"

The ordinary man in Russia

knows little of the forces at

work in the world, is suspicious

of all foreigners, and with the

last war vividly in his mind,

hopes that he will not be called

upon to fight in another.

He was working on the trick, he had been for some time.

I held up my hand and looked at it carefully. I was still there.

Lunch concluded, several magicians obliged with tricks, using cards, pocket knives, and other tricks. It was different to hear what they were saying now, the roar of the other lunchers, but it was more or less possible to follow what was going on. One or two people passed past the magicians on their way to the cloakroom. A number of luncheons stood on their chairs, peering over the partition.

When it was all over most of the magicians went back to the office around the corner, to do a little more of the oddities, but where has the little button gone to?

The magician seemed surprised. "It's underneath the big button," he said. It was just a simple trick to pass the time. He didn't want any fuss made about it.

The other magician looked at me rather oddly. They like a mental age in their victims of something more advanced than three.

"Well," said Mr. Dowler, "excuse me, what about lunch?" He put his hat on. It sprang high into the air. This restored everyone's good humour, and we

trooped down the stairs. Mr. Dowler led the way, one leg very stiff and creaking. "The cold weather," Mr. Dowler explained. I think he had the creaker concealed in his left hand.

We were received in the restaurant by Jasper Maskelyne, wearing a beige check suit, regimental tie and cigarette holder.

As we sat down Mr. Dowler picked up a plate and bit it. There was a loud crack. He was seen to be chewing something. I knew I was going to get indigestion before the lunch was over.

During lunch I asked Jasper Maskelyne nearly 40 questions about magic, thinking perhaps that something good might slip out. I always think the real pleasure in a trick lies in finding out how it's done. If you just sit there saying, "How marvellous, you might as well as Jo-Jo the Imbecile Boy,"

Up he comes. I show him the top card of the pack. On it is a drawing of the Indian Rope Trick—the basket, the rope ascending from the basket, the boy at the top of the rope.

Patter: "Now, sir, will you be kind enough to write your name and address in the basket. If your wife is a blonde add the telephone number."

He does so. I take the pack from him and turn it over.

Patter: "By the simple action of turning over the card I have caused the boy to vanish. Pitiful, sir, you can't do the same with your mother-in-law, eh?"

I strip the card he has signed off the bottom of the pack and place it face downwards on the table.

Patter: "Now, sir, will you be kind just to prove that there is no deception will you kindly sign your name across the back of this card. You can still write, I suppose?"

He signs his name across the back of the card.

Patter: "The boy has gone! Kindly turn the card over, using the left hand."

Three magic passes. A low guttural cry: "Congo! Congo!"

The man turns over the card. His name is on the back of it. His name and address are in the basket. But at the top of the rope, in place of the boy, is a notice reading, "Out to Lunch!"

It's a good trick, but the truth of the matter is I'm getting rather tired of the audience's bewilderment. I suppose that's what separates me from the professional magician.

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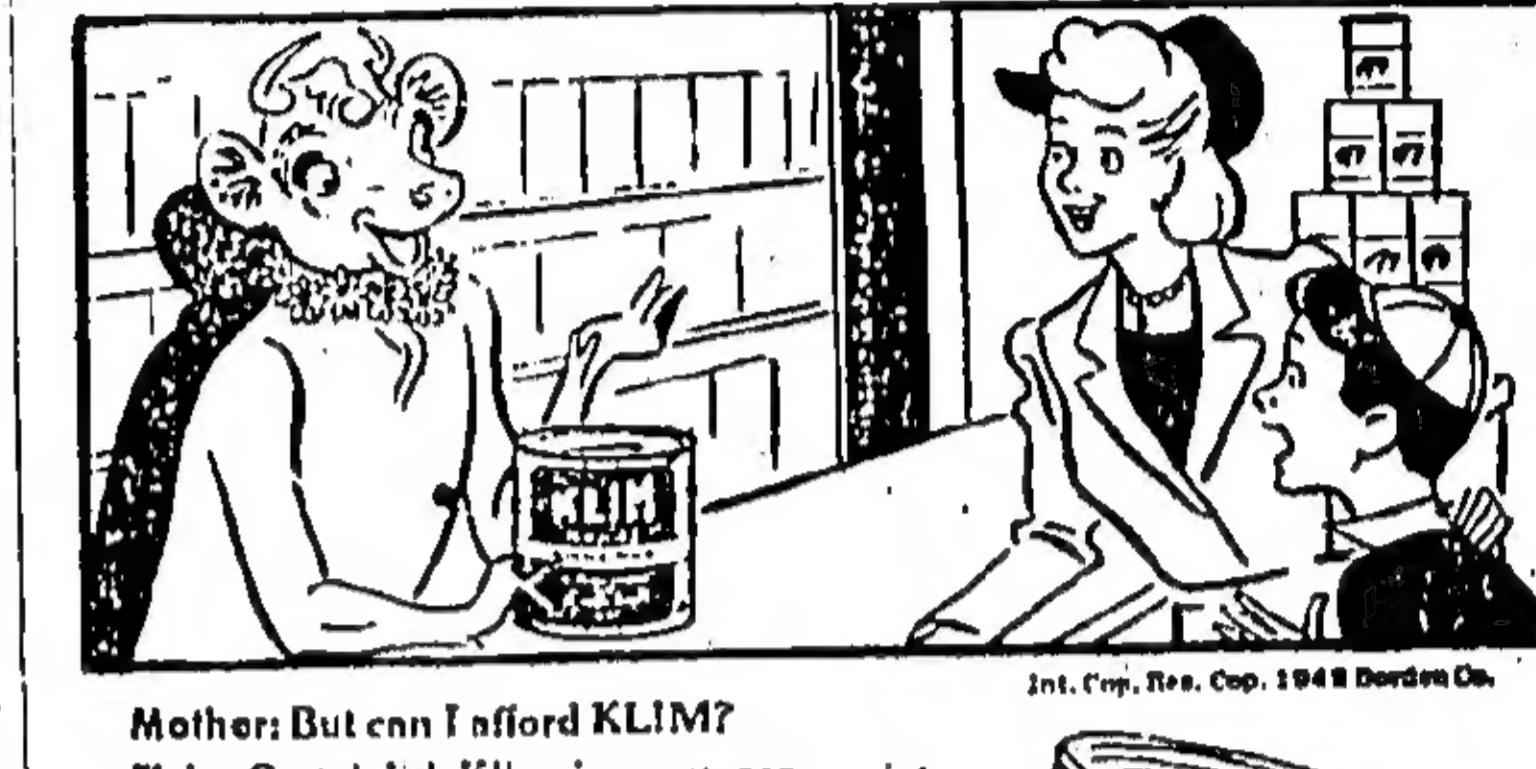
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DANISH BUTTER FOR BRITAIN British Coal, Petrol For Denmark

London, Jan. 30. Two-thousand tons of Danish butter and a quantity of bacon will reach Britain next week, Danish agricultural producers announced here tonight.

These are the first shipments of butter and bacon since October last year. In return Britain has agreed to send certain industrial materials and goods needed by Denmark.

Meanwhile, the Danish Consul-General, Mr. R. Vestbirk, who led the Danish delegation when Anglo-Danish trade talks were resumed here early this month, is returning to London next week for a further discussion on terms of the proposed Anglo-Danish trade and financial agreement.

An agreement was reached on butter and bacon prices and quantities subject to embodiment in the general agreement before the delegation returned to Copenhagen a week ago for consultation.

Britain has offered 321 shillings 6 pence per hundred-

weight for 70 percent of Denmark's exportable surplus of butter, and 226 shillings per hundredweight for 80 percent of exportable surplus of bacon. The prices compare with the British offer of 262 shillings per hundredweight and the Danish demand for 342 for butter.

Washington, Jan. 30. The U.S. State Department tonight made no comment on a Chicago Tribune report from Washington that Britain and the United States had reached a "secret understanding tantamount to an offensive alliance" in connection with the Marshall Plan.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman tonight categorically denied that there was any such "understanding."

The "Chicago Tribune" report said that the plan was known in "inner circles of the United States Government" as "the Washington Charter" and provided for Britain to receive the lion's share of the Marshall Plan aid "in return for supporting the United States if that country should be attacked by Russia or in the event that the United States should declare war."—Reuter.

Tours To The Alps Soon?

London, Jan. 30. Two Anglo-Swiss trade and financial talks ended here today with what a Swiss spokesman described as an agreement on all questions.

"But the Swiss and the British Governments still have to ratify the agreement and until that has been done no details can be given," the spokesman said.

An informed British source hinted that agreement on the renewal of British tourist traffic to Switzerland may have been reached.

"If the sterling area's trade with Switzerland can be made to balance, including the Swiss franc cost of British tourists," it was stated, "there is no reason why tourism should not be restarted. It seems possible that some method of achieving this end may have been worked out."

Both the Swiss and British sources indicated that under the agreement, Swiss trade with the sterling area would be balanced this year and that an overall trade turnover, higher than during the past year, could be expected.

The Swiss delegation left by air for Switzerland tonight.—Reuter.

Britain's Offer

It is understood that Britain has offered about 800,000 tons of coal, petrol and fuel oil (about £4,000,000), 50,000 tons of iron and steel and an unknown quantity of textile raw materials.

Together with other goods wanted by Denmark, the total value would be about £17,500. Steel is considerably less than half of Denmark's estimated needs.

Britain also proposes that most of sterling earnings should be spent on British goods not on the list of essential requirements. It estimated the total sterling earnings should be about £32,500,000 per year. This means some £15,000,000 would have to be spent on non-essential goods.—Reuter.

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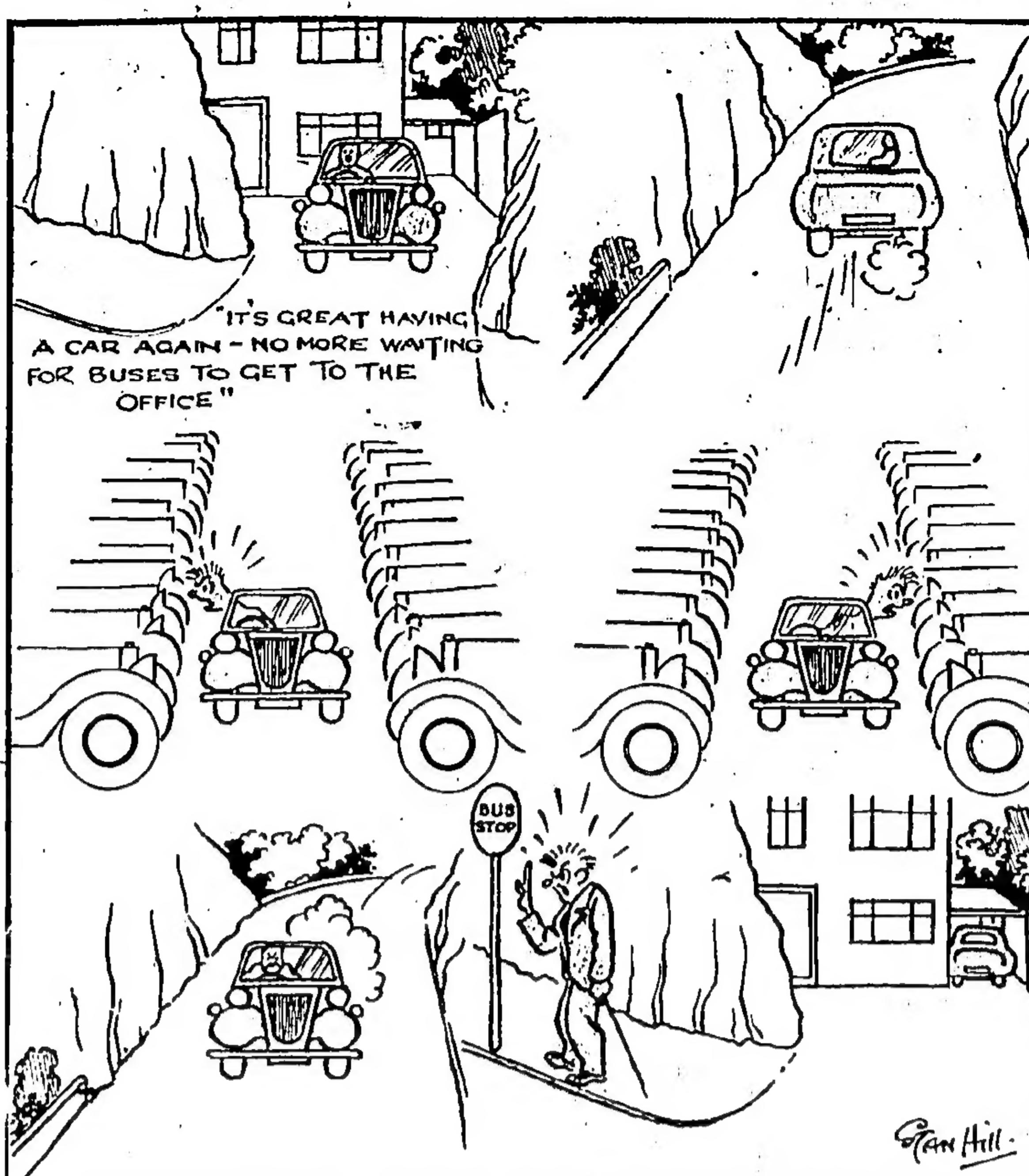
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"ANDY HARDY" IS ILL

London, Jan. 30. Mickey Rooney, the film star, who is suffering from vaccine fever after vaccination, is being flown back to the United States for treatment.

A second opinion was called in before the flight was decided on and a bulletin last night from Dorchester Hotel where he was confined to bed, said: "He is rather ill."—Reuter.

Hamburg, Jan. 30.

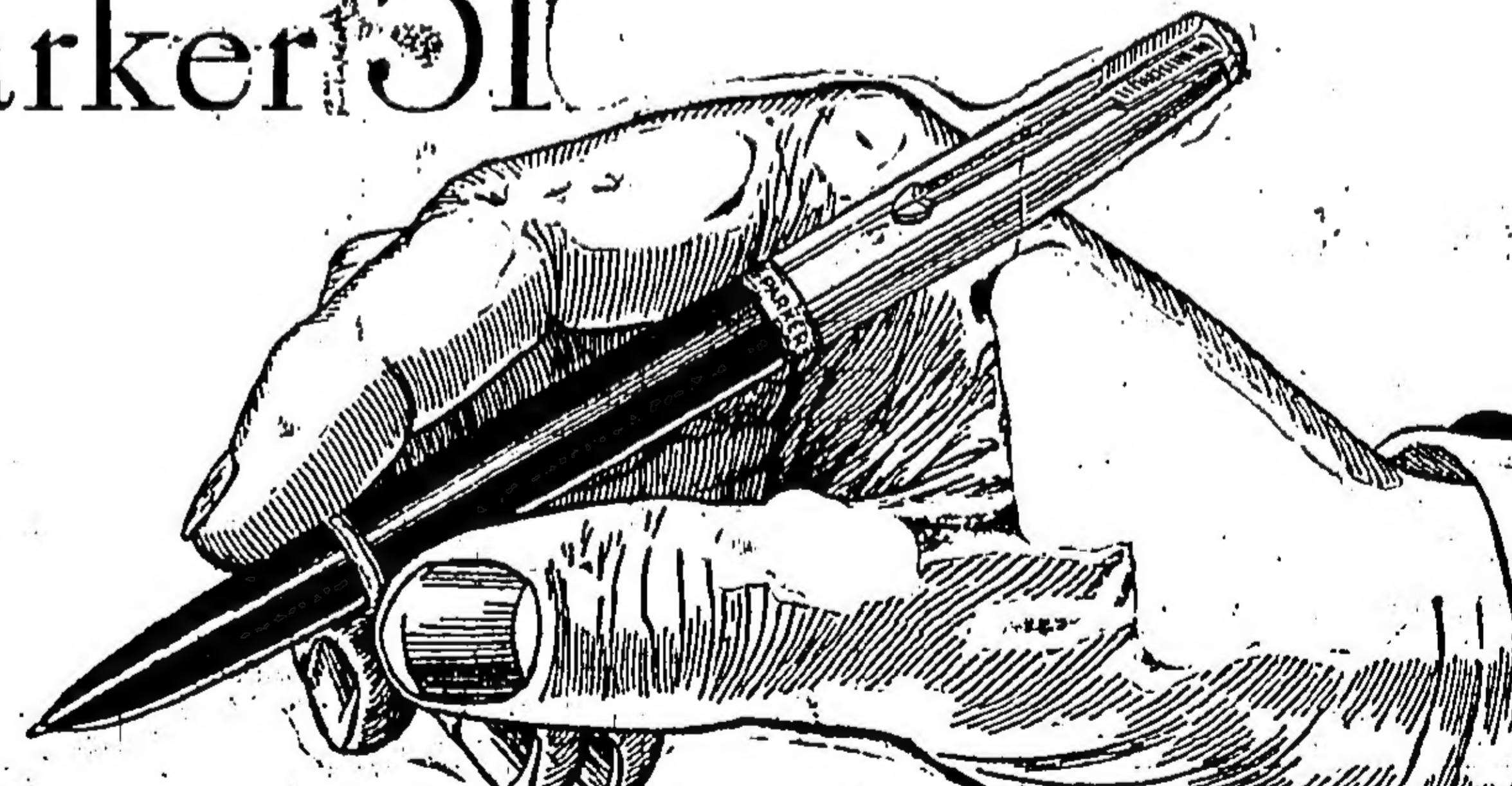
All 1,600 clerical workers in the British Zone of Germany will hold a 24-hour protest strike next Tuesday against their food rations being lower than those of manual workers.—Reuter.

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Panama Tanker Blows Up

Paris, Jan. 30. Thirteen survivors of the 4,015-ton Panama tanker "Panchito" which blew up and sank off the French Atlantic port of Lorient yesterday, reached Lorient today on board a French fishing vessel. They included a Spanish stowaway which made the number of saved one more than previously reported.

They said 18 of their comrades were killed by the explosion or drowned in the heavy seas, as the "Panchito" was steaming towards Antwerp from Spain with a cargo of minerals. The "Panchito" captain, a Czech, was drowned.—Reuter.



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PROBLEMS OF THE CHINESE ARMY

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

No-one can doubt that, led by Officers and N.C.O.'s whom he trusts, properly clothed and fed, and assured of monthly pay which will care for the actual needs of himself and his family, the Chinese makes an excellent soldier. We have proof of the fact between 1898 and 1900 in Weihaiwei, after that area had been leased to Great Britain.

A Weihaiwei Regiment was raised by voluntary enlistment, officered by Britons, and with a considerable percentage of British warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s. It received its baptism of fire, and repelled itself admirably, in the attack upon the Boxer Garrison of Tientsin Walled City. Thereafter these sturdy well-disciplined Shantungese were in great demand for the Police Force in the British Municipal Area at Tientsin, the International Settlement in Shanghai, and in Hongkong. No other Chinese military unit since their disbandment, including the German-trained 87th and 88th Divisions in 1937, or the American-trained units of the Pacific conflict, has attained a better reputation for discipline, fighting qualities, and morale.

A Secret

Today with the possible exception of Soviet Russia, the Chinese Republic maintains the largest military forces in the world. Like that of the Soviet Army, the strength of the Chinese Army is kept secret. It numbered some four million officers and men in 1937-8, and, if the conscription rate was maintained, should have reached a total of at least twelve million (less any permanent losses) by 1944. It is commonly estimated that China has an army (on paper) of four to five million men, today. But everyone knows, alas, that statistics on paper relating to any branch of the Chinese administration frequently bear no relation to realities. It has been the custom from time immemorial for Chinese Commanders to pad the numerical strength of their units in order to draw the rations, clothing and pay of non-existent personnel for their own benefit. Even during the conflict with Japan they frequently reported Divisions of ten thousand, of which the strength did not exceed six thousand, many of whom were physically unfit for any form of active service.

The strength of the Chinese Army is supposed to be maintained by conscription laws, under which definite annual quotas are allotted to all cities, districts, and provinces under Nanking's control. It was, for example, recently announced the 80,000 recruits (of whom 6,000 would come from the Shanghai area) were to be conscripted in Kiangsu Province.

Conscription

Conscription is generally recognized to be the fairest method of distributing the burden of national defence—if it is honestly and efficiently enforced, with due regard for age, physical condition, and exemptions for various forms of indispensable work. The machinery for such enforcement does not exist, and never has existed in China, with the natural result that corruption and inefficiency have dominated the entire system. The well-to-do could buy themselves off, or bribe recruiting officials to kidnap men who were doing much more important work, or who in any other country would have been exempted by reason of their age or physical unfitness. In many cases

conscription has meant a deathwar, to maintain the fantastically large, and largely inefficient, Army, that burdens the Chinese people today. The standard of living throughout China is such that were military service made attractive—were soldiers treated as citizens instead of as animals—there would be an oversupply of recruits from voluntary enlistments. If the population of Kiangsu is, as I imagine, about forty million, its quota of 80,000 recruits would only require an enlistment of one person in 500. (On that basis Great Britain would only have been able to raise a Volunteer Army of 90,000.) Conscription in China can only be regarded as necessary because military service is so hateful, and so akin to slavery, that not even the poorest coolie would voluntarily enlist.

The press and cons of American aid to China, financial and military, are now being argued both in China and the United States. Mr. Bullitt advocates both. He wants large supplies of surplus American arms and munitions supplied to China, though the most likely result of adopting this policy would be to augment the armaments of the Reds. He wants Americans to train and equip ten new Divisions, and General MacArthur appointed to organize with the Generalissimo a joint plan for preventing the subjugation of China by the Soviet Union. To have any chance of success this project would require much more radical action than has been attempted by American Military Advisers in the past.

The British N.C.O.

Through the work of British Commissioned Officers with the Weihaiwei Regiment must not be underestimated—the backbone of the unit was the British N.C.O. He alone by close and almost hourly contact with the men—like Kipling's "Sergeant What'sname"—could gain the loyalty, and inspire the confidence, of his charges. Sending out scores of American Generals, Colonels and Majors will not produce a really efficient Chinese Army unless, through efficient subordinates, the men can maintain contact with, and watch over the welfare of, the men from the day they are recruited, until they are led into action for the first time. It is more than doubtful whether the Generalissimo, who broke with the late General Stilwell on the issue of implementing military reforms through the extension of American authority, would even consider conceding the powers necessary to reorganize the Chinese Army. It is probable, also, that any such suggestion would result in another spate of anti-American agitation. Yet pouring more money, and additional supplies of arms and munitions, into China, for the purpose of halting the advance of the Reds, is certain to fail if its purpose unless the Central Government can get rid of the hundreds of thousands of useless troops at present on its payroll, and create, with the least possible delay, a force whose efficiency, loyalty and morale can be depended upon in any emergency. Armies of ill-clothed, half-starved, badly armed and untrained men, resentful at being dragged from their homes under a system of conscription which enables the wealthy and the privileged classes to obtain exemption from military service, are not likely to prove worthy champions of any cause, or indeed to be able to understand that they have any cause for which it is worth while to risk their lives.

No Need

I have said that given certain conditions conscription is the fairest method of distributing the burden of national defence. Those conditions do not exist in China today. Moreover there is no real need from the viewpoint of national defence, or of civil

What The Chinese Press Is Saying

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The Franco-Indo-China question has been dragging on for more than two years without any solution being found. Apparently, France is determined that Indo-China should remain a French colony. It has been reported that M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China has presented ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, with a four-point proposal to bring about peace in Indo-China.

The first point supposedly gives Indo-China independence within the French Union. But other points put control of military and diplomatic affairs in the hands of the French. This is hypocritical. If Indochina is satisfied with these proposals, accept them and make peace with the French for such a long period as two years?

The 1946 Franco-Indo-China Agreement recognised Indo-China as an independent state. But Bollaert's four-point proposal in fact does not contain the slightest vestige of independence. It clearly illustrates the unchangeable, harsh colonial policy of the French—a policy of enslaving the Indo-Chinese forever.

"Only France"

Indo-China is to France what the Philippines were to America, and what India and Burma were to Britain. Since the end of World War II, the Philippines

French for not being sincere in dealing with Indo-China. If the reported four-point proposal made to Bao Dai by Bollaert is true then France is determined to enslave Indo-China for ever. Bao Dai may be pro-French, but he is a native of Indo-China. His conscience will forbid him to accept the proposal.

Hua Hsing Pao: The recent announcement of the Hong Kong-China Customs Agreement brought forth two kinds of reaction from industrial and commercial circles. One was that from now on it will become more difficult than previously to carry on business. The other reaction, while pointing out that the Agreement is the first concession of its kind in the last 40 years granted to Nanking by the British, was that it must obviously be beneficial to the Hong Kong Government otherwise the latter would not have signed it. The general conclusion is that restrictions on imports into south China will soon be lifted.

Will the restrictions be lifted? There is no evidence of this in sight. But we are convinced that even if the import restrictions are lifted, bona fide overseas Chinese industrial and commercial interests will reap what chance will the ordinary merchant have?

Face Facts

Let us face facts. The current depressing situation of industry and commerce in China as well as in Hong Kong is mainly the

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The conferment of the Companionship of Honour on Miss Margaret Bondfield and Miss V. Sackville-West will meet with the warm approval of both sexes of His Majesty's subjects. Both are women who have set themselves the highest standard and have achieved it.

Of Miss Sackville-West it can be said that her great literary distinction is recognised far beyond the confines of the British Commonwealth. She is a reticent disposition, dislikes public functions and lecturing, and devotes herself to her literary work and to her gardening in which she is an expert. As the wife of Mr. Harold Nicolson she had her fill of diplomatic life and did not like it. That was one of the reasons why, to the benefit of his readers, and I am sure, to his own satisfaction, he abandoned his diplomatic career.

Miss Bondfield has a fine record of good works and social services. As the first woman Cabinet Minister she will have her place in history. She was a capable and industrious Minister and much liked in the House.

She has another quality which is perhaps not so widely known. I have lectured more than once in the United States. Almost everywhere I went the women's clubs told me that Miss Bondfield was the best woman lecturer we had ever sent to the United States.

Sir James Milne

With the nationalisation of our transport system, Sir James Milne has retired from the general management of the Great Western Railway after 43 years of efficient work which will give him a permanent and prominent place in the history of British railways.

He joined the Great Western in 1904, began at the bottom and knew thoroughly every branch of the business before he became general manager in 1939. Clean-shaven, quiet and mildly benevolent in manner, he is easily approachable and can always see the other man's point of view. He is sparing of words, but dominates most arguments by the extent of his knowledge and the wide range of his technical experience.

During the recent war he ran the Railway Executive Committee which looked after rail transport. Probably his toughest job was when the Cabinet selected him to get them out of the coal transport jam last winter. He did it with conspicuous success.

He lives for his work, keeps himself wonderfully fit and looks younger than his 64 years. In his retirement he is not divorcing himself entirely from railway interests. After a short visit to South Africa next month, he will join the Board of the Leopoldina Railway Company.

Truman and Peace

Welcome as it was to the world, President Truman's New Year message reaffirming his belief in peace and in the United Nations does not seem to accord with American public opinion. The message almost coincided with the latest survey of the National Opinion Research Centre. The Research Centre had asked the American public two questions:

(1) Do you expect the United States to fight in another war within the next 25 years?

(2) Do you think there is anything the United States could do to prevent a war? The answer to the first question was "yes" by 63 per cent.

"Q" must be one of the unluckiest of senior soldiers. After active service in the 1914-18 conflict, an energetic period of military development between the wars, and the sight of action again in 1940, he was wounded in his club in Pall Mall. A Hun bomb shattered a picture, and fragments of glass pierced his right eye and destroyed the sight.

His main concern was whether he could ever handle a sporting gun again. He had a 12-bore built with a special cast-off and swung daily on to imaginary targets until his left eye did duty. His pertinacity was rewarded. In his first grouse drive after his accident he scored a right and left.

Spa Or

Public opinion in Czechoslovakia is temporarily diverted from world affairs by a conflict which is of interest to English people. The Czechoslovak Ministry of Defence intends to establish an artillery range in the triangle formed by the three world-famous spas of Marienbad, Karlsbad and Joachimsthal.

Marienbad, called since 1918 Moravské Lázně, is the most threatened, and its local council has appealed for support. Founded towards the end of the eighteenth century, it was a favourite resort of Goethe. Its international fame was established by King Edward VII, whose rooms in the Hotel Westin are still pointed out with pride to visitors.

I was there often between the two wars, when it was always full, boasted a golf course and an English professional, and had a golfer of amateur-championship class in M. Edgar Mihály, the present Dutch Ambassador in London.

I revisited the place last June. It was semi-deserted. Nevertheless, I think this pleasant spa will win its battle against the Defence Ministry. Even today the vast majority of Czechs prefer the butter of tourist to the guns of their own soldiers.

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Ex-Italian Colony

By G.D.K. McCormick

There is an old Arab proverb which says "Tarabius Turab Yabis," which means "Tripoli is dry earth."

That saying is certainly true today, for since December 1946 there has been complete drought over the whole quarter million square miles of Tripolitania.

The resultant failures in crops and livestock followed by widespread famine and distress have considerably added to the problems of the British Military Administration responsible for the running of this ex-Italian colony.

I have seen a good deal of Tripolitania in the last few weeks, and I do not hesitate to say that but for British administration there would be an appalling situation in that country with probably an outbreak of cholera as serious as the recent one in Egypt.

For, make no mistake, Britain has done a good job here. We have stayed off an extension of the famine by organising poor camps outside the towns where underfed Libyans are housed and fed until something more practical can be done for them. And the British Army from the private soldier upwards has helped to raise money for a Tripolitanian Relief Fund that has netted £4,000 in four months.

The British Tommy is our principal ambassador in this land. He has a tedious job, often being posted far into the interior at some lonely camp on the edge of the Desert. Transport is limited, as far as that matter goes, roads and railways. It is almost as difficult for the soldier at a Desert outpost to get "town leave" to Tripoli as it is for them to get leave to the U.K.

And those who are based in the comparative comfort of Tripoli's fleshpots have only two possibilities for short leave—always if they can get the transport—Malta, a claustrophobic island at the best of times, and Tunis, which is considerably less attractive than Tripoli itself.

However, the troops make the best of it, and some of them get invitations to spend short leave on the farms of Italian peasants.

Tripoli impressed me as being the cleanest city in North Africa. The street cleaning squads are kept well up to the mark, and after a lengthy association with other North African

GLANCES AT BOOKS

"My River," by Wilfred Gavin Brown. (Muller, 10s. 6d.)

A pleasant, smooth flowing book, mostly about angling, but with some shrewd observations of the birds and beasts which haunt our English waterways. Appropriately illustrated by Reginald Lionel Knowles.

"Burning Gold," by Robert Hardy Andrews. (Hurst and Blackett, 12s. 6d.)

In the romantic historical novel American story tellers have recently struck it rich. Here's an introduction to the piratical adventurers of the early 18th century. Plenty of blood and thunder, with a generous share of lovemaking.

"The Life and Art of W. Heath Robinson," by Langston Day. (Herbert Joseph, 25s.)

Heath Robinson was a hard-working commercial illustrator who displayed now and then an erratic touch of genius. A biographical sketch of the quiet and unassuming man to whom we are in-

debted for so many funny, and some "uncanny," drawings . . .

"The Order of Release," by Admiral Sir William James. (Murray, 18s.)

An important contribution to our understanding of John Ruskin, one of the most gifted, and today probably the least-read of the great Victorian writers. This is the story of his unhappy marriage, told from the point of view of the charming and seductive young woman who lived with him in a state of wedded neglect, from 1848 to 1854. Ruskin's love-letters, written during the engagement, are as perplexing as they are beautiful.

"Teresa," by Austin K. Gray. (Harrap, 12s. 6d.)

A biography of Byron's last mistress, Teresa Guiccioli, the blonde, sentimental young woman (described by the poet's unkind friends as pretentious, dull, and dumb) with whom he settled down during early middle-age and from whom he parted—not altogether regrettably—on his way to Greece and death. A readable, informative, if somewhat undistinguished, volume.

of Libyans, while there are now Libyan lawyers and Arab courts of justice.

The native, used to ruthless treatment from the legions of police pourred into the country during the Fascist regime, is taking time to get accustomed to his sudden liberation. Not unnaturally there are some who take advantage of the leniency of the British administration, and pilfering and house breaking are at the moment on the increase.

Under the Italians there was a death penalty for natives who cut down trees. Now this extreme punishment has been abolished there is a spate of tree demolition which needs to be checked.

There are five Arab parties, all clamouring for independence but no one seriously imagines that Libyans, who are children in the democratic arts, are yet fit to administer themselves.

Friendliest to the British are the Italian farmers in the interior, for they have not been dispossessed of their lands as they feared. Least friendly are the town dwellers. I saw no signs of fraternization between Italians and British troops in Tripoli itself despite the fact there is no "non frat" ban.

There are some 6,000 British subjects in Tripoli, excluding our troops, and a large number of these are Maltese. There is, in fact, a large Maltese Colony, and the Maltese feel that a lengthy practical reward to the "George Cross Island" would be immigration facilities for bombed-out Maltese in Tripolitania.

Tripoli's harbour is strewn with wrecks which it is hoped to raise and

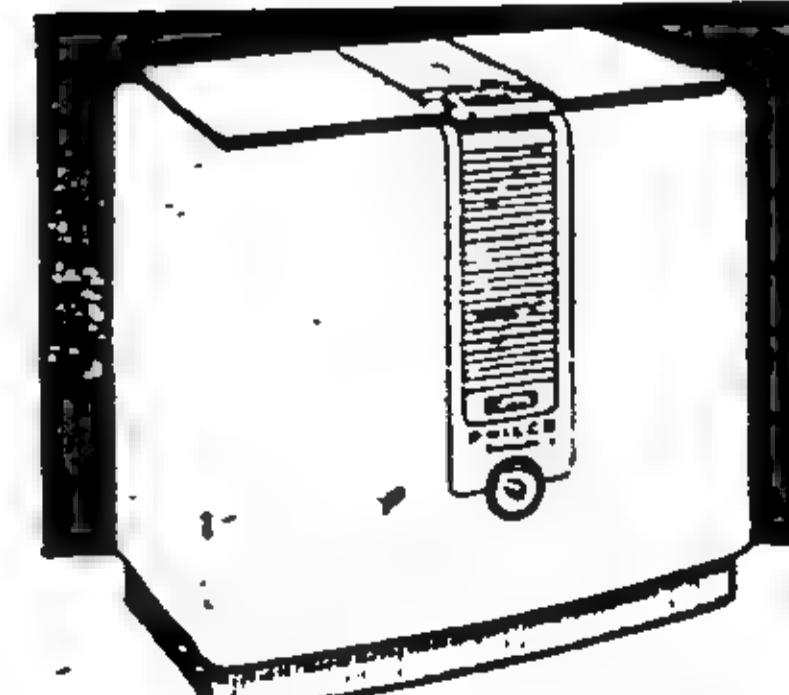
clear shortly. But a great deal of work will have to be done to make the port really efficient once again. More important at the moment is the splendid airfield of Ca-tel Benito, one of Britain's chief air links with the Middle East, Europe and South Africa. Excellent meals can be obtained for about 150 M.A.L. (Military Administration Lira)—six shillings and sixpence. For 50 lira more you can get quite a good half-bottle of wine. Pastry shops abound, and—here I give full marks to the Administration for their enterprise—British hops have been introduced to a local Government sponsored brewery which turns out Tripoli beer. It is much praised by the troops.

There may be a subtle reason for this beer making. The chief alternative drink in the cafes is anisette, a potent local aperitif as colourless as water but which turns to a milky hue when water is added. Anisette is liquid dynamite—which does dreadful things to your liver. If you wake up after an anisette hangover and are rash enough to drink a glass of water, intoxication recommences.

Shop bargains are few enough and most articles are expensive. But many officers who have villas in Tripoli have secured bargains in furniture. Brand new complete dining room suites cost about £40. They hope they may be permitted to bring them to the U.K. eventually.

British housewives' biggest problem is that of the servant. During the Italian occupation servants were almost entirely Italian. No attempt was made to train native servants. Now the British housewife is coping with language difficulties with Arab servants and teaching them how to cook and clean. One major's wife told me her Libyan manservant served up dinner on a bowl which he placed in the middle of the dining room floor surrounded by cushions.

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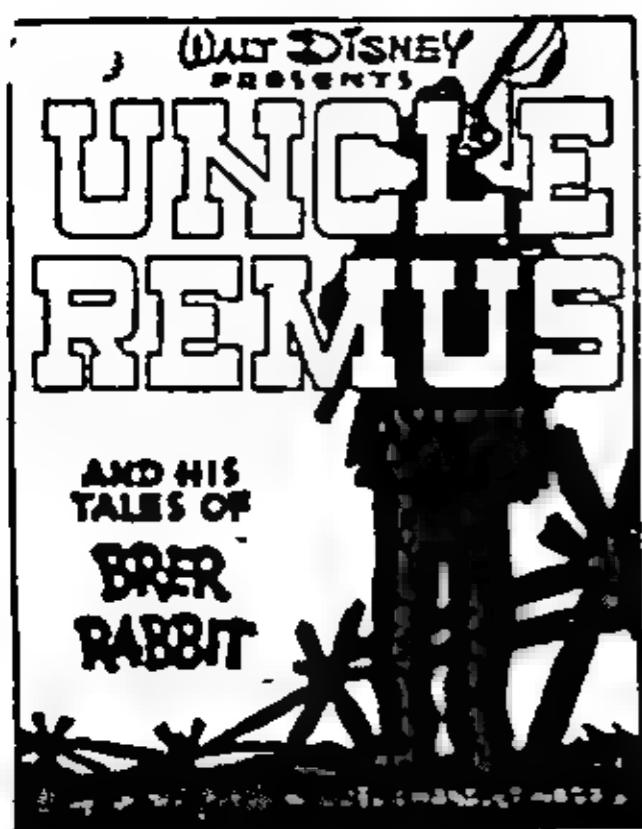
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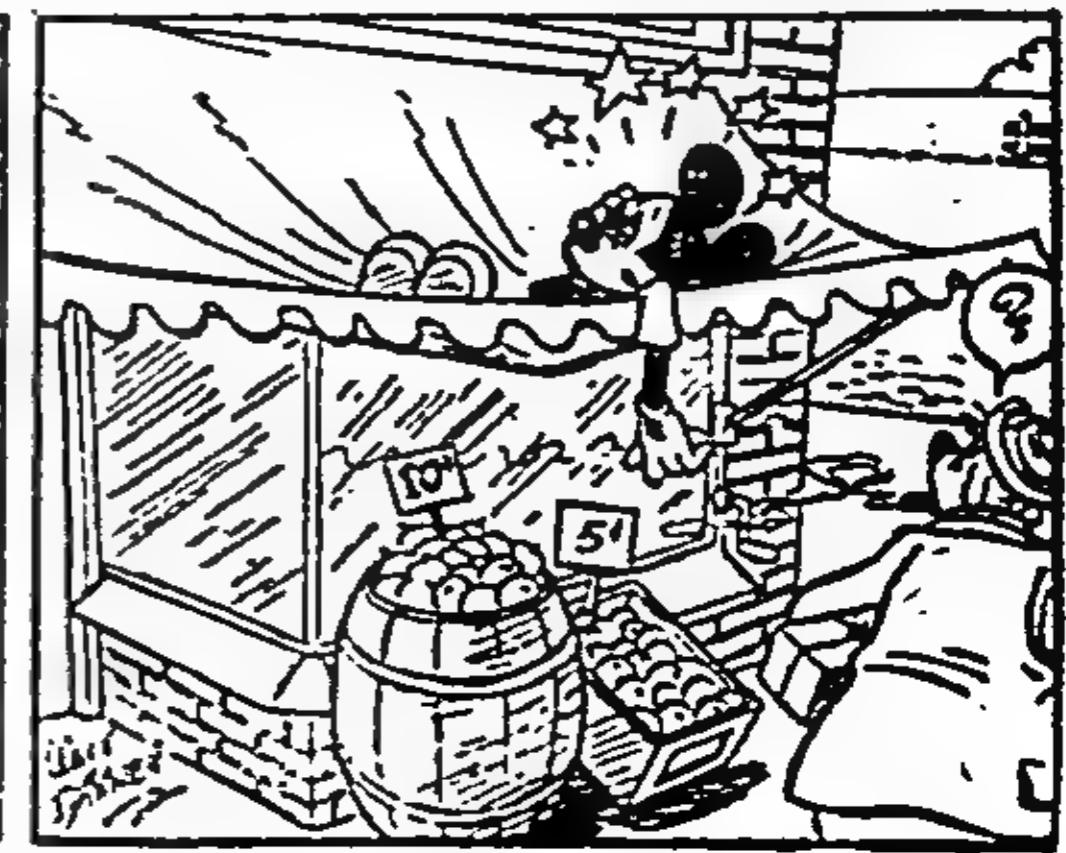
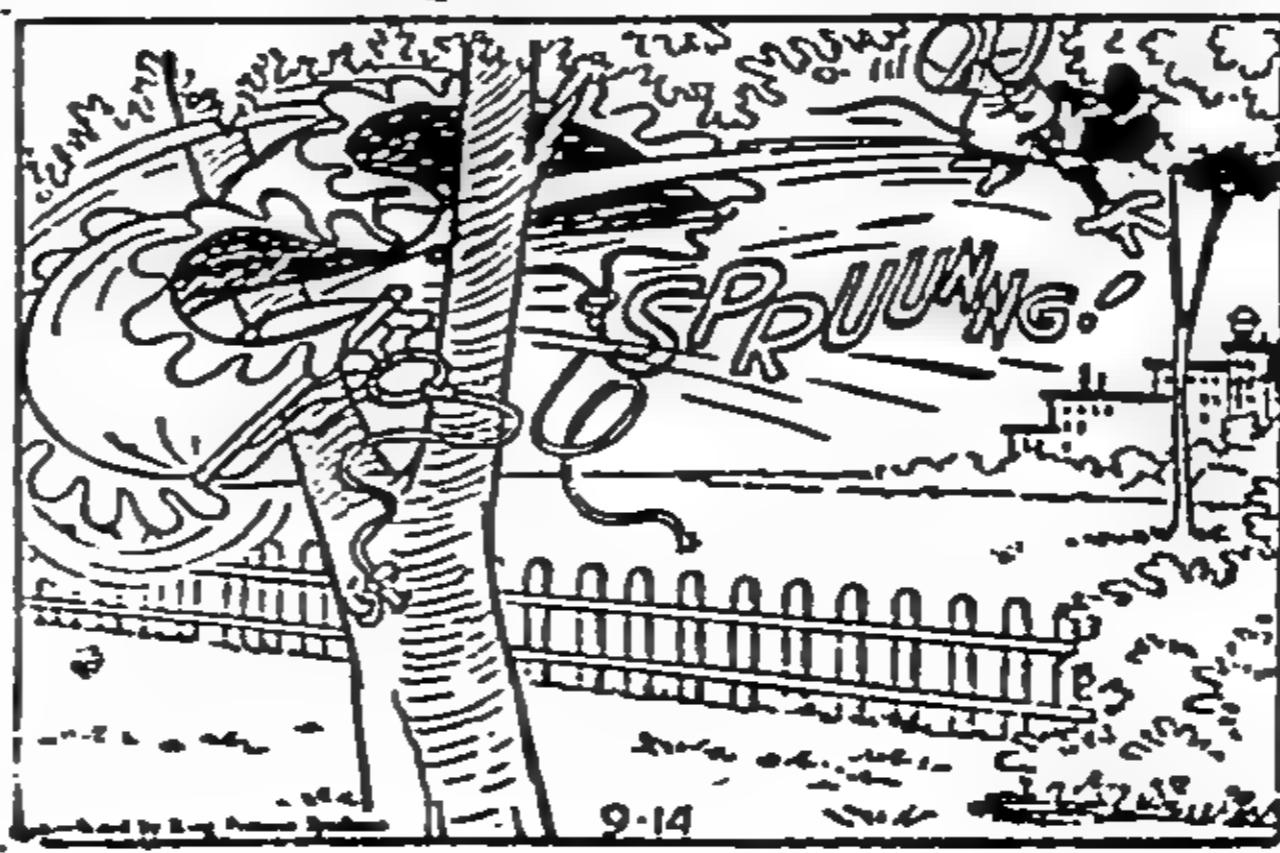
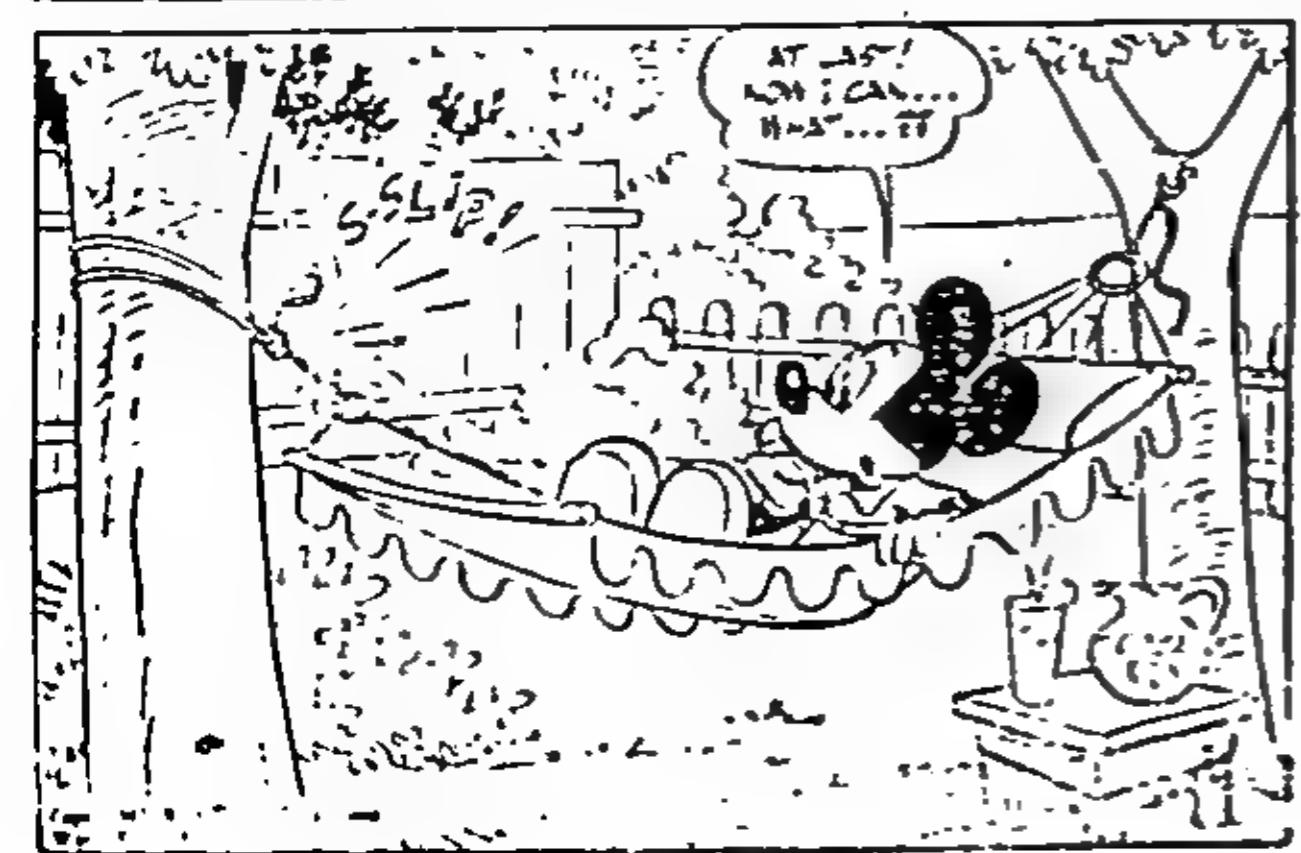
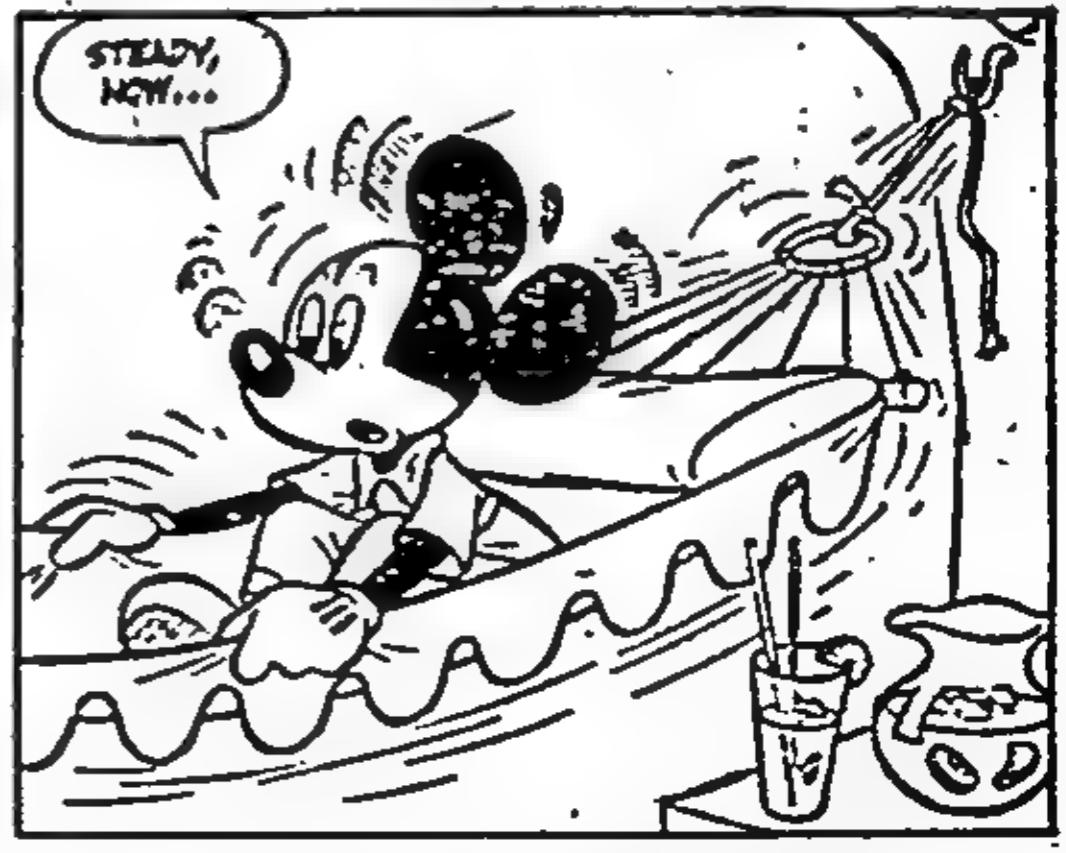
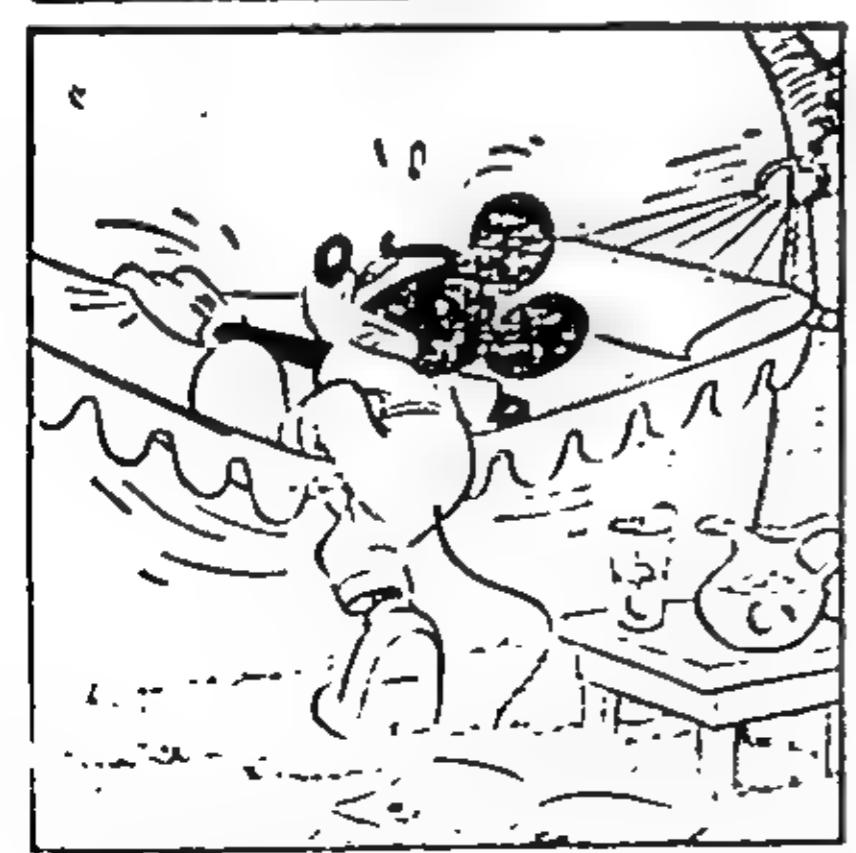
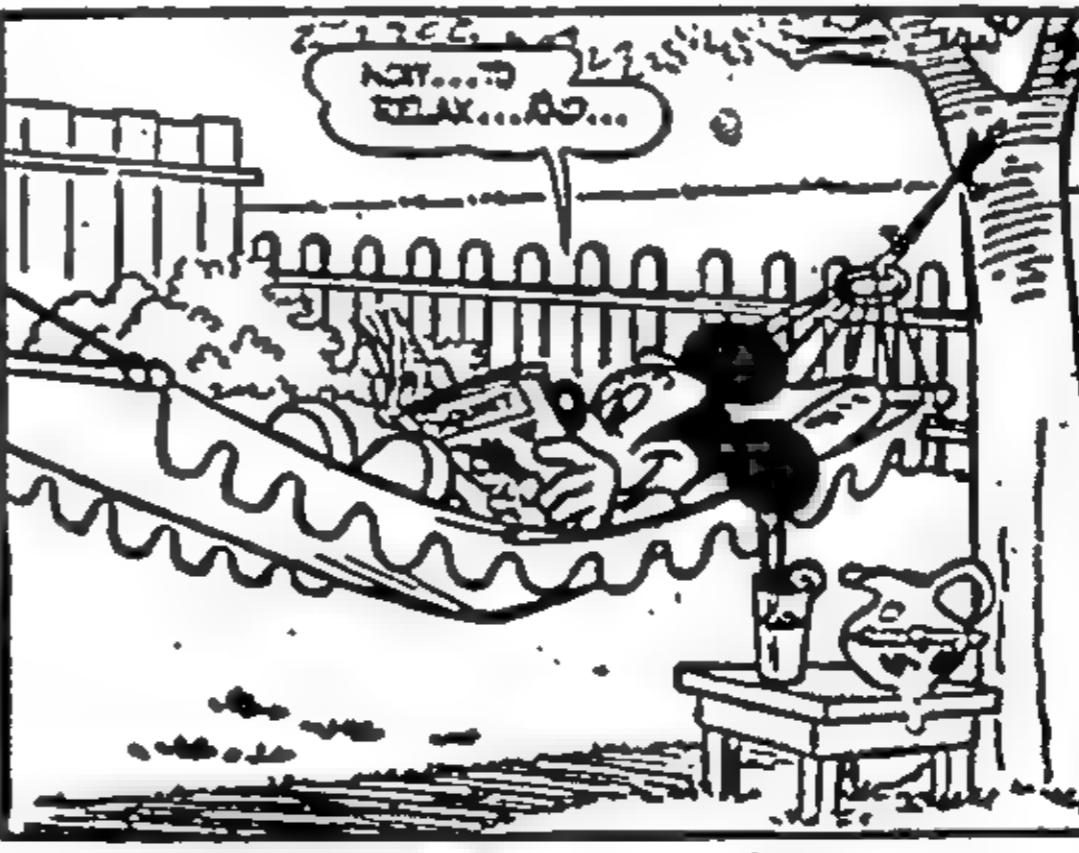
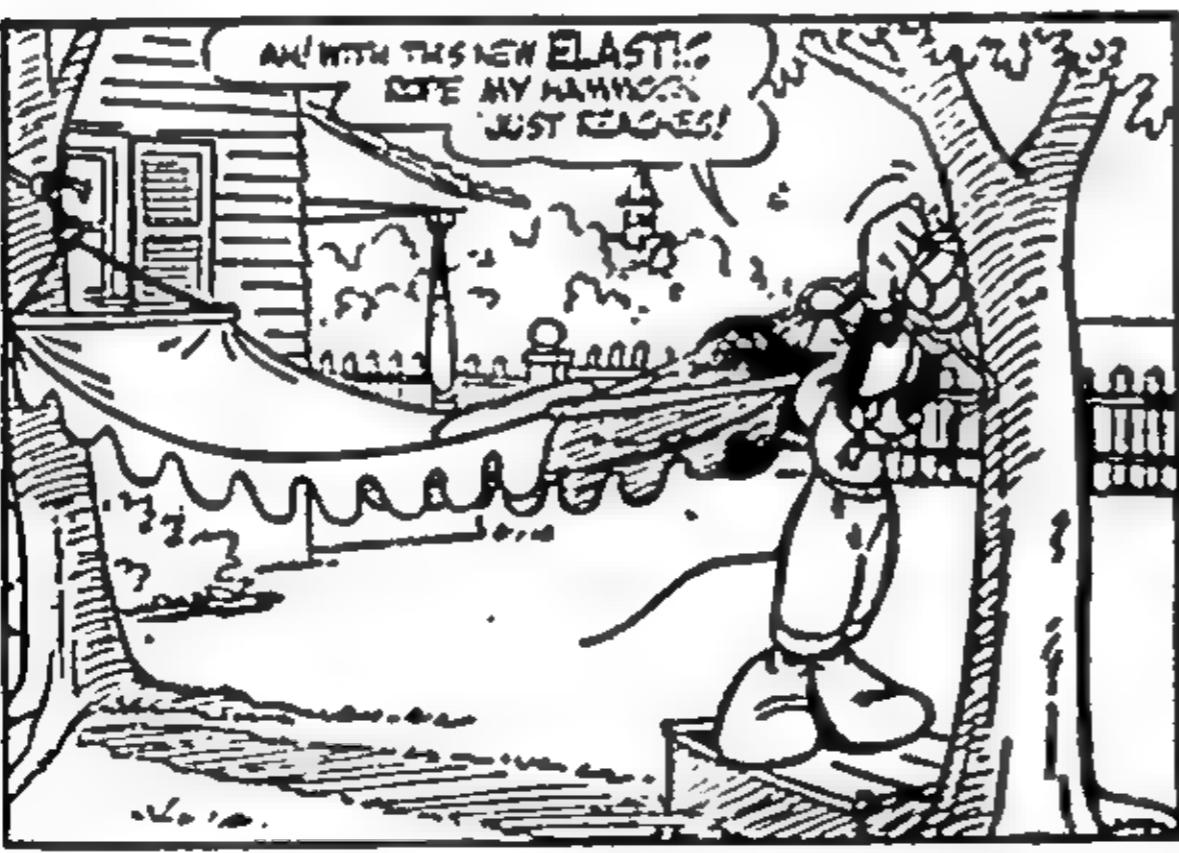
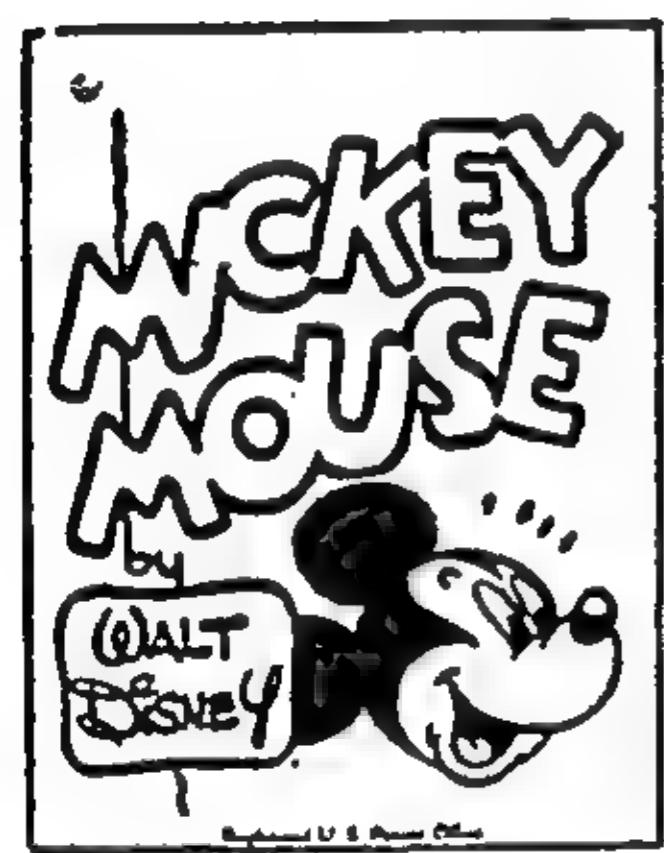
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Our Serial Story

THREE FOR LUCK

MAJOR MIKE SULLIVAN, ex-policeman who became a paratroop hero in the war, has met

ARTHUR MAYO, millionaire racehorse owner, whose Irish horse

HAPPY MUNSTERMAN is favourite for the Guineas and the Derby. Two attempts to kill the horse have been made, one of which was foiled by Mike and

MOIRA MAYO, the millionaire's daughter. In one attempt a man was murdered. Mike suspects

DIAMOND HOTCHKISS, race gang leader, and this right hand man

TURKEY REDDIN, former wrestler. When Mike and Moira have taken the horse safely to Newmarket from Liverpool, they hear that Mayo has been kidnapped.

Unarmed

As they drove up to the hospital, the chauffeur stirred slightly. His eyes opened and he saw Moira beside him.

"Mr. Mayo," he muttered. "Mr. Mayo . . . in that house. Beavers . . . tied him . . . he's there, too, the crook."

The effort was too much for him. His eyes closed and he slumped back in the seat.

At the hospital Mike phoned the police for aid. He wanted a corridor drawn round the old hall at St. Hilda's, where Mayo and the chauffeur had been held by their kidnappers.

But he was unwilling to wait for the arrival of the officers, and, leaving Moira at the hospital, he drove back by himself to the hall.

As he was unarmed, there was little he could do except keep watch. He made a mental note to get his old army revolver from his baggage and carry it about with him in future. The dice had been loaded too much against him so far by his inability to shoot back at gangsters who did not hesitate about using guns.

But when he arrived at the old hall, after a further crawl through the undergrowth, his heart sank. The door of the stables, which had been closed after the Rolls-Royce had left with Reddin, the gangster, and Mayo's unfortunate chauffeur, was now swinging wide open.

Mike decided to investigate, even at the risk of being seen. He went through the door into a wide, flagged stable yard. It was empty. On the far side was a door into the house itself. Creeping along the walls he made his way across the dark yard.

The Card

The door of the house was open. Inside was a narrow, dark passage which ended in some steps. He flashed the little pocket torch he always carried and saw a green baize door at the top of the steps which apparently gave access to the hall.

The place was completely silent. He slipped off his shoes and advanced up the steps. The door opened at his touch. Beyond it was darkness again. He went on. He was now apparently in the entrance hall of the house—a great wide room bare of furniture. In the centre was a packing case which had apparently been used as an improvised table, for on it were empty beer and whisky bottles and a pack of cards.

Something gleamed in the light of his torch on the floor. He bent down and picked it up. It was a gold pencil with the initials "A. M." on it. Beside it was a single playing-card. It appeared to have some writing on it. But just as he was about to decipher it he heard the sound of a car in the drive outside.

He leapt to the window, putting the card in his pocket. Through a hole in the heavy wooden shutters he looked out. A large, low black open car was pulling up. In it were four men in police uniform.

There was still no sound in the house. He opened the big front door as the policemen climbed from their car.

By
TRavers
HUTCHIN

"I'm afraid the birds have flown," he said to the sergeant in charge. "There's no sign of life although there are signs of quite recent inhabitants. We'd better have a thorough look around."

"We'll get cars at both the front and the back gates, sir," said the sergeant. "So they can't give us the slip if they are still about the place."

But after a quarter of an hour's search they could find no further traces of the gangsters. Indeed, they did not seem to have gone beyond the entrance hall. When they left, they had apparently done so in a hurry. So Mike found a half-eaten sandwich on the floor. The bread was fresh and soft.

"This proves that you're not on a wild-goose chase, sergeant," he pointed out. For the sergeant was clearly beginning to doubt the whole story. "Somebody's been here very recently. That bread was baked in the last 24 hours."

The sandwich was apparently one of a number, which had been wrapped in a newspaper. The paper still showed the folds of the purpose for which it had been used. Mike picked it up from the floor.

It was a copy of a Sussex weekly newspaper, printed at Brighton. That did not seem very helpful in the investigation of a kidnapping in Lancashire. But he put it in his pocket in case it should prove of assistance. "We don't even know who or what to look for," grumbled the sergeant. "There isn't a clue here. Do you know what kind of car they had?"

Mike admitted that he had not the vaguest idea.

At the hospital he found Moira sitting in the matron's room drinking a cup of tea.

He put his arm round her shoulder. "Don't worry," he said gently. "We'll find your father before long. He had been in that house, but they had gone when I arrived. Do you recognise this?"

He showed her the gold pencil.

"It's daddy's," she said, her voice tremulous. "Oh, where have they taken him? What will they do to him?"

"I don't know yet where they have taken him—but I've got an idea that will prevent their harming him. I'll tell you about it when we get back to Liverpool!"

One Caught

When they arrived back at the hotel they found a message awaiting them to say that Inspector Tom Satterthwaite, of the Liverpool C.I.D., wanted Mike to get in touch with him at once. But before Mike could phone to him, Tom was knocking at the door of Mayo's sitting room.

"The county police who went to the old hall at St. Hilda's, have told me what has happened, Mike," he began. "I don't like the look of it at all. It looks to me as if . . ."

"Just a moment, Tom," Mike broke in (for Moira's face was paling at Satterthwaite's words). "First, let me tell you all that has happened. We've got our friend Turkey Reddin, the man who tried to kill me twice, in custody. The police who came to the old hall probably didn't know that when they spoke to you. They'd come from Preston. Reddin is in the cells of the police station at St. Hilda's."

He went on to tell all the events of the evening—how they had rescued Mayo's chauffeur and captured Reddin and his accomplice.

"I think we've got quite a lot on our side now," he concluded. "We've got one or two very good cards. Hotch-

kin will have to be very careful now that we have, in the chauffeur, a witness to the kidnapping."

"Mooney—that's the chauffeur—told me at the hospital what happened," Moira said. "Beavers told my father that we had been in an accident. They set off for the cottage hospital at St. Hilda's as you guessed, and Beavers directed them to the old hall. There they found Reddin and about half a dozen other men, who tied them up. They were kept there all day and when evening came Mooney was taken off in the Rolls by Reddin. I think—he thinks—they were going to throw him into the river."

Don't Worry

She shuddered convulsively. Mike went up to her and gripped her by her shoulders, looking her in the eyes.

"Now, I've told you before, you're not to worry," he told her firmly. "If you do, you'll only make it more difficult for me to concentrate on the job. Because if you haven't got faith that we'll pull it off, you'll make it harder for me to have faith. So just hang on to hope and help me all you can."

"I will," she replied, with a wan smile. "But it's so very frightening."

Mike abruptly turned to Tom, who was staring at him with a quizzical look.

"The thing I want to know most of all," he said briskly, "is where in this town I can find Diamond Hotchkiss. Can your boys help me on that?"

"I can tell you the answer to that one right away. We've been looking out for him all day, and we finally came across a man who answers to his description in the Pelican Hotel. It's quite a good hotel, used by businessmen and travellers. It's only five minutes from here."

"Good. Because I want to see Mr. Diamond Hotchkiss right away. I want to talk to him in a way in which an official policeman without any concrete evidence cannot talk to a citizen. So you leave him to me for a little while. But I'd like a couple of your boys to be about the hotel when I see Hotchkiss. I want some backing if he tries any funny business."

As Mike was leaving with Tom Satterthwaite to go to Hotchkiss, Moira called him back from the door of her hotel suite. When he returned she took his hand in hers.

"Look after yourself, Mike," she said. "I don't want to have to look for you as well as Daddy. And—I want you both back safe and sound."

A lump came into Mike's throat. She looked so very brave as she tried to smile. He did not know what to say. He did not say anything. He just took her gently in his arms and kissed her forehead. Then he walked quickly away.

Police Help

Tom Satterthwaite briefed two detectives, telling them to consult Mike and regard themselves as under his orders temporarily. On the way to Hotchkiss's hotel, Mike called at his own and rummaged in his bag until he found his revolver. He slipped it into his pocket.

The Pelican Hotel, where Hotchkiss was staying in Liverpool, boasted only one suite with a private sitting-room; it was this one that Hotchkiss had. When he had found this out from the reception desk, Mike went up to it unannounced. He left the two detectives in the lobby.

When he knocked on the door of the room, it was opened by a wizened little man with shifty eyes who looked like an ex-jockey. An ex-jockey who had been warned off and gone to seed, Mike thought.

'Not In'

"Mr. Hotchkiss isn't in," he said in answer to Mike's question. But there were voices in the sitting-room beyond the little entrance passage, and Mike pushed the man on one side and strode in.

Diamond Hotchkiss was sprawled on a couch. His two bodyguards of the day before were with him. There was a fourth man—a grey-haired, stout man with a red face who did not quite fit into the set up.

The two bodyguards leapt to their feet. Mike stood in the door smiling—



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it was a dangerous smile. But it was not the smile that halted the two gangsters. It was the revolver that he held at his hip, his thumb slowly and deliberately pulling back the hammer to cock it for action.

'A Witness'

Nobody spoke. Hotchkiss's face was a study in impotent venom. The bodyguard looked strangely like two sheepish schoolboys who did not know exactly what to do next when their headmaster was watching them. The red-faced man had gone suddenly pale. With his free hand Mike shut the door behind him, so that the little man in the passage could not attack him.

"So I'm intruding on a nice friendly little talk, gentlemen?" he said at last, breaking the ugly silence. "The nasty, rude Sullivan has quite spoilt a charming tête-à-tête, so that nobody can even remember what he was going to say. Quite a speechless little gathering. Well, it doesn't matter, because I'm going to do the talking."

He looked down at Hotchkiss, staring him deliberately and insolently in the eyes.

"How's your neck feeling, Diamond?" he jeered. "Because if you're not a lot more careful than you have been in the last few hours, that rope is going to be round it very soon now."

The face of the red-faced man went suddenly grey with terror.

"You didn't know, my friend?" Mike said to him. "We are preparing a nice collar of the finest hemp for Diamond—and for anybody else who might be considered an accomplice to his recent crimes. I've come to tell him some news. Mayo's chauffeur is safe in hospital. He was a witness to the kidnapping—a witness any judge would accept. Oh, I know he doesn't prove anything against our friend Diamond here. He doesn't—but Turkey Reddin does."

"Turkey Reddin!" Diamond Hotchkiss's voice was scarcely a whisper.

MORE NEXT WEEK

YOU CAN WIN TWO DOLLARS BY ANSWERING THIS QUESTION

"What Do You Think?"

Once more we are asking you for your opinion. The best answer we get to the question asked below will be published, and the boy or girl who sent in the answer will get \$2.

This week we're going to ask you all to confine your entries to not more than 150 words. If you're not more than 16 you can enter "What Do You Think," and let us know what you think about the following question:

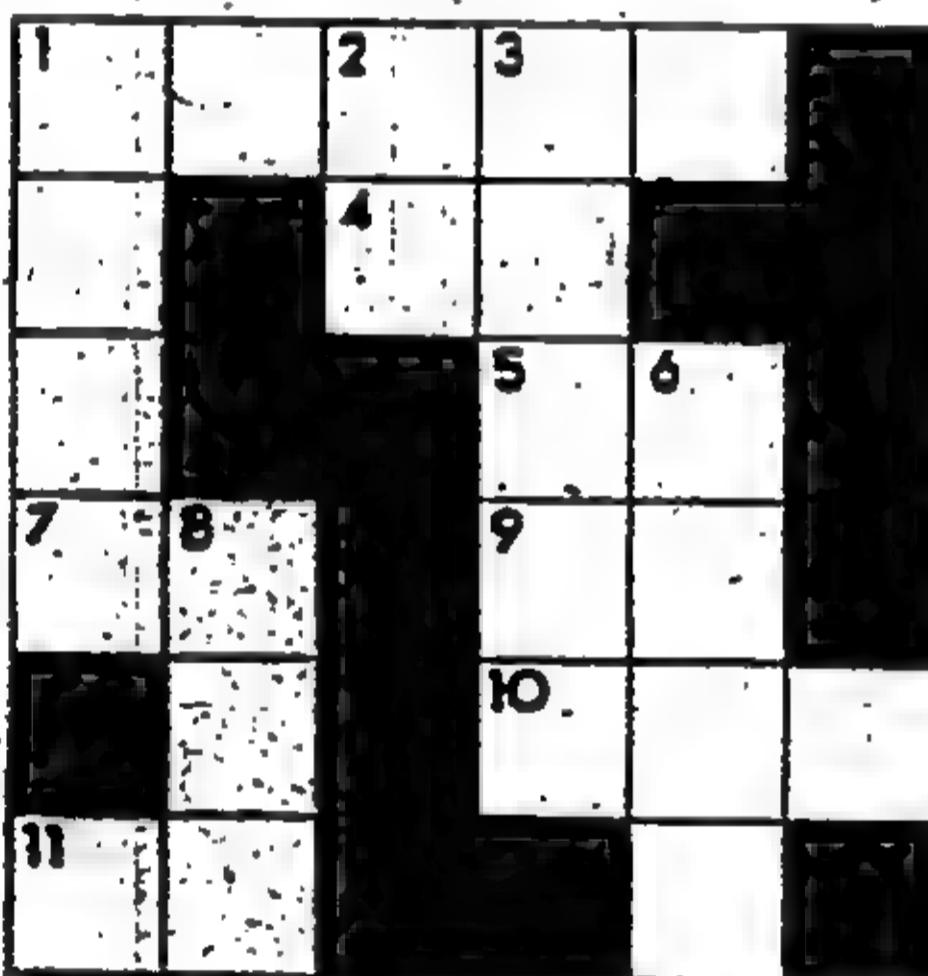
"Do you think school home work is helpful or not?"

This question concerns you all, and I'm sure you have already thought about it quite a bit. Send your letters in to Auntie Vee, at the SUNDAY HERALD, Windsor House, not later than February 11, 1948. Remember, you may win \$2.

WORK OUT YOUR OWN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This is an easy crossword puzzle for the youngsters. There are no prizes, but do it just for fun.

The answers are printed upside-down in Column 4.



ACROSS

- What you do on paper.
- A refutation.
- The first person singular used after "to."
- Opposite of "Don't."
- When you're talking about your own things, you use this.
- Opposite of 4 Across.
- Kipling wrote a poem called this.

DOWN

- Most pencils have it.
- Not out.
- Boy's Name.
- What you see with.
- Not on.

AT MY TYPEWRITER . . .

I think the most exciting news this week is about the Children's Club. Don't you think it is a good idea? Do let me have lots and lots of entries, because we want to know what you'd like to call your own club.

Some of you are forgetting to mark your contributions "Original". Remember to do this when you send them in, won't you? I'm afraid I can't print them for you unless you tell me first that it is "all my own work".

Some of you have sent me photographs, and I was very glad to get them from you. I'm going to keep these until the club is formed, so don't worry if you don't get them back for some weeks. Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Children's Page

MAKE A PARODY ON A NURSERY RHYME

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was black as soot,
And everywhere that Mary went
It put its sooty foot.

Any boy or girl up to sixteen years of age can enter this competition. Write a parody on one of the following nursery rhymes:

"Little Miss Muffet"
"Mary Had a Little Lamb," or
"Little Jack Horner."

You can see what we want from the two examples given above. Remember, these are just examples, and you're not to copy them.

Send in as many entries as you like, as long as they're all in at the SUNDAY HERALD offices before Wednesday, February 4.

Prizes this week will be book vouchers on Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. This means that you can go along there and choose any book you wish up to the value marked on the voucher.

1st Prize: \$10 Voucher.
2nd Prize: \$7 Voucher.
3rd Prize: \$5 Voucher.

NAME
ADDRESS
..... AGE

Little Jack Horner sat in the corner.
It was warmer there, he said.
That wasn't quite right.
It was late at night,
He did not want to go to bed.

LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWINNERS



PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES:

Top Left: 1st Prize.
Top Right: 2nd Prize.
Left: 3rd Prize.

The winning entries in the Figure Competition are shown above. All the entries deserve praise, and the prizes have been awarded to the following:

1st Prize: Jacqueline Barton (14), 137 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong.

2nd Prize: A. de Mello (14), 2 Hanoi Road, Kowloon.

3rd Prize: Leslie Quire (14), 30 Mody Road, Kowloon.

This week all the prize-winners are from Kowloon. Come on, you Hong Kong-siders! We want some better entries from you!

I suppose you noticed last week that we didn't mention what the prizes would be. We tried to fit too much into too little space, and that was the result! However, we made up for it, and the three prize-winners have been sent book vouchers. We hope they will be able to find a book they like.

Word Wisdom

Here are some more words and their meanings to help you with your word-power. If you haven't already come across these, you will one day, and you should know how to use them.

This week's list is:

Circumference (serkumferens): The measurement of the perimeter of a circle.

Perimeter (per-im-eter): The outside line round an enclosed space.

Attendance (atendans): To be present at any meeting, lecture or gathering.

Myrrh (mer): You have probably come across this word in your Bible reading. It is a sticky gum with a very strong smell, used in olden times for religious purposes such as burning in churches. Today it is used in perfumes and antiseptics.

Antiseptic (antyseptic): When germs get into a cut or scratch they infect it, which means they make it sore and puffed-up. Antiseptic is put on to kill the germs before they do any damage. Iodine is one kind of antiseptic.

Retain (retane): To hold back, or to keep hold of.

Startling (start-ling): Anything that causes surprise.

Adjective (ad-jec-tiv): A word that describes another word, like "silly dog." "Silly" is an adjective describing the poor dog.

WHAT DO YOU WISH TO CALL YOUR OWN CLUB?

Very shortly we are going to start a Children's Club in Hong Kong for all the boys and girls who are interested in the SUNDAY HERALD Children's Page.

It's going to be your club, so we want you to choose your own name for it.

We want a cheerful name, one which will be easy to say and yet different. Below you will find a box with space for two entries. Fill in what you would like your club to be called, and send your idea in to Auntie Vee at the SUNDAY HERALD.

The best ideas will be published on February 15, and then we will ask everybody to vote on which they like best.

Come on, what would you like to call your own club? We want you to tell us!

Dear Auntie Vee,

I would like our club to be called:

1.

2.

Name:

Address:

Age:

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

SORT OUT THESE JUMBLE WORDS —

Instead of giving you just any Jumbled Words to think out this week, the puzzles are all the names of animals.

The words below are all animals which you know well, but the letters have been turned round. Just for fun see if you can straighten them out. The correct answers are printed upside-down below, but don't look at them until after you have finished working the words out.

AONGAKOR ANIOLSE

ANHEY YPALTPSU

RUGAOC MLACE

GILTROALA TPALHENE

JUMBLE WORDS ANSWERS

CREDIT CORNER

Credit Corner is for boys and girls who have sent in drawings, poems and stories which deserve praise, although they have not been published.

John Ainger (Kowloon), Rosemary Barton (Kowloon) and Fanny Ho (Hong Kong) deserve Honourable Mention this week.

PIGMY CARTOON



I'd like to meet the fool who said it was always hot in Hong Kong.

**Condensation from
"THE REACH
OF THE MIND"**
in Reader's Digest

What do recent studies reveal about the unknown powers of the human mind—mind-reading, clairvoyance, "mind-over-matter"—even the prospect of proving survival of personality after death? February Reader's Digest brings a 14-page condensation from J. B. Rhine's startling new book. Don't miss this report of actual experiments that have stirred the scientific world—a tale of seeming fantasies told by a matter-of-fact scientist from Duke University.

Also in Reader's Digest

How smart are you? How rapidly can you think under pressure? Do unexpected situations and the necessity for split-second decisions throw you off balance? Try this amusing quiz—the kind used in many standard mental tests. It may reveal just how much you ARE on the ball.



J. B. Rhine, author of "The Reach of the Mind" (Condensed from "Test Yourself")

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THE PROMS

Once again, tonight's "Proms Concert" from ZBW will consist of two works only—Mendelssohn's great "Concerto in E Minor for violin and orchestra, Op. 64" and Elgar's "Symphony No. 1 in A flat, Op. 55."

Acknowledged to be among his masterpieces, Mendelssohn's violin concerto is far better than any of his piano concertos and for that reason stands up well to repeated performances. It was written shortly after he arrived in London in 1844 in response to an invitation from the Philharmonic Society to be their conductor at the last six concerts of the season. There is a bit of an argument pro and con Mendelssohn going on at home at the moment, and some reference to the controversy will probably be made in the concert notes tonight. It will be sufficient here, therefore, merely to quote, with approval Hubert Foss's own comment on the subject:

"...there can be no two opinions of the greatness of a composer who before he is 38 can compose masterpieces like the *Hebrides* overture, the *Violin Concerto*, the *Midsummer Night's Dream* music, the *Prelude and Fugue* in E minor, and *Elijah*, not to mention at least 20 other works, not of equal rank, which have all the same impressed themselves indelibly upon his successors."

Elgar is a major figure in the modern English revival of music, bridging the gloomy gulf which existed for some 200 years after the death of Purcell. Perhaps his greatest achievement has been the development of the symphony in Britain, for his contemporaries tended to ape their predecessors on the Continent.

At the mature age of 51, Elgar produced his *Symphony No. 1*, which had its first performance at a Hall concert in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, in 1908. It is a work of sustained power on the grand scale, with a noble and beautiful motto-theme that is a frame for the work as a whole. Although the symphony is in A flat, the major movements are in comparatively remote keys—D minor, D major, and F sharp minor—a remarkable development of the Brahmsian method of key variation. The symphony made a great impression when it was first heard—and was performed no less than one hundred times in the first year of its existence! Little wonder it subsequently "went into retirement" for a while.

It is long—50 minutes—but its length is not so much a matter of the passing of the minutes but rather a repetition of the same thing far too often, which inescapably gives it a certain rhythmic monotony. Nevertheless, the symphony has many moments of beauty, and the elaborate orchestration shows that Elgar was a master of his art.

Particularly ingenious—and indeed beautiful—is the way in which Elgar has linked the second (scherzo) movement to the third (slow) movement. The theme or chief subject of the *Adagio Cantabile* movement is really a rhythmic metamorphosis of the opening semiquavers by the first violin in the *Allegro Molto* movement.

B.B.C. CONCERTS

Worth listening to tomorrow night in the General Overseas Service of the BBC is a programme entitled "Songs from Hamel and Griez" with the BBC Tralee Orchestra and George St. John Rivers in control. The narrators will be Mary O'Farrell and the actress—include Chorus of Children, Monica Bowen, Marion Davies, Mayorie Thomas, Owen Brannigan, David Bell and Constance St. John. Time: 5 p.m. Hongkong.

On Thursday, at 2215 hours in the same service John Barberi and the Hall Orchestra present "British Concert Hall." The programme consists of Mozart's "Serenade: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik in G"; Delius' "Intermezzo"; from Fennimore and Gerda; and Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in B Flat.

Finally, on Friday at 2320 there is the gramophone-recorded "Forces Prom," which this week consists of Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite "Schéhérazade," played by the London Philharmonic (Antai Dorati cond.).

MUSIC FROM HOME

The prefixes in the following list of "Listener's Choice" from the BBC are: FES (Far Eastern Service), ES (Eastern Service) and GOS (General Overseas Service):

Sunday:—FES. 2145 hours, "The Brass Band Movement in England, No. 4," a gramophone programme written by Maurice Jacobsen.

Monday:—FES. 2005, "folk Music of Britain," song by Barberi. (Milan gramophone record).

Tuesday:—ES. 2300, "Modern British Music, No. 18: The work of Herbert Howells," introduced by Louis Salter (gramophone record).

Wednesday:—FES. 1955, "Gir with the Modern Orchestra, No. 22: The expansion of the Orchestra," written and introduced by Hubert Foss.

Thursday:—ES. 2300, "Music of the Stage," excerpts on gramophone records from the opera of Handel.

Friday:—ES. 2250, "Introducing Bach," chamber music on gramophone records.

Saturday:—GOS. 1800, "Programme Music: Richard Strauss' 'Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks,'" an illustrated talk by Spike Hughes.

FES. 2005, "Ballet Music of British Composers: Concert Waltz from George Toye's 'The Haunted Ballroom,'" on gramophone records.

NEW RECORD

This month, Spike Hughes—broadcaster, journalist, conductor, musical critic, etc. ad lib.—will be presenting "New Records" once again to overseas listeners to the BBC. The records will probably range from Beecham conducting a Sibelius symphony to the very latest in jazz, if that is possible, for to Patrick Cain Hughes music is music, whatever the barriers that many attempt to erect. He has a passion for opera by Mozart and Verdi, waltzes by Johann Strauss and tunes by Rodgers, Kern and Cole Porter.

Spike has been around quite a bit. He was educated at Cambridge, Vienna and Berlin. He played rugger for Austria in an international match against Romania in 1925 and the following year played cricket for Cambridgeshire against Huntingdonshire! From 1929 to 1937 he ran a dance band that toured England and America. In 1932, he composed the ballet "High Yellow" for Maria and Frederick Ashton; according to his wife, he will not give up more time to composing because he feels he is "like Walton and Haydn," said from the side and don't much better, anyway.

Nowadays he lives in a flat in a small alley near Broadcasting House. He is married to Barbara McFadden and owns over 3,000 gramophone records.

SERIOUS MUSIC

A United Press message from New York says that the Americans can find what we have here at home at home, but since the war, there has been a real increase in the number of Americans who are interested in classical music. Many amateur orchestras are being formed in the United States and attendance at concerts are increasing steadily.

Dr. Leo Nitze, a Greek-born conductor of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra since 1939, has been a growing success in his art. The number of classical recordings, albums, records and publications and who has won the most awards in the field of classical music in the United States is increasing at a rapid rate.

"We are going to do our best to increase and help the come back for music," he says. "The American public is to have their favorite artists, like Artur Rubinstein on our programme to attract

a large crowd." Explaining that there is nothing wrong with either, except that they are "overplayed, so popular," Nitze goes on:

"Listening to them all the time would be like reading one book over and over. But today I give them some things hard to chew—difficult contemporary musical compositions. And most of them seem to like it."

The best audience before which he ever conducted? Those attending free concerts. His greatest ambition is to be able to conduct free symphony concerts for anyone who cares to listen.

DE LUCA

Giuseppe de Luca has now been singing for over half a century. He made his debut as Valentin at Piacenza in 1897 and is not only still able to sing, but to sing as well as he did 25 years ago when his voice reached its full voice. A baritone, De Luca and Cossu struggled as unknowns together; singing under Toscanini's baton 40 years ago; and appeared with Lily Pons, Galli Cacci, Marian Talley, Ezio Pinza and Rosa Ponselle at their debuts.

He sang as a regular member of La Scala, Milan, for eight years before joining the Metropolitan Opera House, New York in 1912. He stayed with the "Met" until 1935, and in that period sang 49 roles, both Italian and French. He participated in the American premiere of Puccini's "Turandot," Mozart's "Così Fan Tutte" and Verdi's "Luisa Miller," and in the world premiere of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Although he was a Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy, he voluntarily went on the musical shelf in 1940, when he was caught in Italy. He refused to sing until 1945. In 1946, when he sang in the United States for the first time in six years, the music critics called him the greatest present-day exponent of bel canto.

His anniversary comment might well be directed at some of our ZBW performers:—"I have my voice because God gave it to me, and I kept it because I didn't force it. If you push, you lose colour."

"To be a good singer, you've got to have a voice... and intelligence... and breathe through your nose."

FIXTURES

At the beginning of his great career as a violinist, Albert Spalding found it difficult to convince concert-goers that he was a serious virtuoso. In the minds of staid music lovers in the United States he was associated with sport—understandably, as his father and an uncle were founders of the famous sporting goods company.

Before a concert one night, he was introduced to a society matron who was also a Patron of the Arts.

"Spalding, Spalding," she murmured. "Young man, I simply cannot get used to you in formal attire."

"Ma lanti," enquired the violinist. "Would it make you any happier if I came out to play in a baseball suit?"

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The new rate is 864 francs to the sterling pound. (27.1.48)
2. 1917. (27.1.48)
3. Louis City. (27.1.48)
4. The Mitchell Hedges Trophy (28.1.48)
5. The Chinese Government has agreed to pay compensation for British losses in Canton. (28.1.48)
6. The bill, which has already passed the House of Commons, is to limit the power of the peers to delay legislation. (29.1.48)

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Health Page

The Secrets Of Life

By JACK THOMAS

What makes happiness? What makes you timid, or pretty, or plain?

Six groups of glands, in your body supply the driving force that makes you "tick."

On their behaviour depends whether you are a genius or a half-wit; a giant or a dwarf.

Scientists have called these glands the endocrines, from two Greek words meaning "I separate within." Here they are:

The pituitary,
The thyroid,
The adrenals,
The parathyroid,
The pancreas, and

The gonads, or six glands.

It is a quarter of a century since dapper Serge Voronoff proved that a simple gland operation could give new life to a tired body. The headline which heralded his discovery—"Man May Live to 140"—has proved optimistic, but this much is certain: it is still in the new gland magic that our main hope of extending life lies.

In the more practical field of giving zest to our later years, gland treatment has proved its possibilities beyond the dreams of early experimenters.

Let us take a look at these glands, and their secretions, which we call hormones. It is the hormones that keep your body cells at their constant task of healthy reproduction.

Take the thyroid, the little horse-shoe-like gland in the front of your neck, which makes the hormone which keeps the body well fed. You admire Miss Betty Grable's lovely figure? She can thank her thyroid for it.

Sometimes, perhaps because of sudden nervous shock or mental worry, the thyroid ceases to function. Then the body swells, the face becomes coarse and dull, memory fails. Unless treatment is given insanity may ensue.

A child born with a defective thyroid may become an idiot. On the other hand, an over-active thyroid may set up a form of goitre.

Take the case of little Marie Dubois, of France. Marie was so weak physically and so feeble mentally that she could hardly be said to be alive. Doctors could do nothing.

Marie's heartbroken parents approached two great surgeons of Lille, Dr. Lefort and Dr. Piquet, who were experimenting with the new gland magic.



You admire Miss Grable's lovely figure? She can thank her thyroid gland for it.

Dr. Lefort examined the child. "She is suffering from thyroid deficiency," he said. "We can help, but there is a risk."

The parents took the chance, and a few days later the surgeons removed Marie's defective gland and grafted a new one in its place. The girl's condition improved, and after four months of observation the doctors announced their triumph.

Not till then did the parents know that the gland which had saved their baby was taken from a notorious criminal named Olivier within a few hours of his execution.

Next in the story of your glands are the two adrenals, situated above the kidneys. They largely decide whether you are a coward or a hero. Their job is to tone up the muscles and keep your blood vessels in good shape.

Have you ever seen one of those tragic fairground "freaks," boy on one side and fully developed man on the other? Or have you paid to see the bearded lady? Both these are suffering from uneven or excessive activity of their adrenals.

The tiny parathyroids lie near the thyroid gland, controlling the absorption of lime salts by the bones. If they fall down on the job your bones will be frail and misshapen, your teeth "chalky."

You may suffer from muscular pains and twitches.

Biggest of the glands is the pancreas, or sweetbread, extending behind the lower part of your stomach. Scattered through its structure are collections

of cells called the Islands of Langerhans. They make the hormone insulin, which breaks down the sugar in the blood into a form suitable for feeding the muscles and other tissues. If those cells fail you, diabetes results.

Like the pancreas, the gonads or sex-glands have a double job to do. First, they must produce the reproductive cells so that the race may continue. But at the same time they must make certain hormones—they differ in men and women—which seem to have a general "pepping-up" effect on all our physical and mental functions.

The gonads don't develop fully until the end of childhood—in temperate climates, between the ages of 12 and 15. Then the boy begins to take on the characteristics of manhood; the girl to show the first physical signs of maturity. The glands remain active for maybe 30 years and then begin to fail. And as their powers weaken, we begin to show the symptoms of old age.

But again, these glands may not develop during childhood. They may be injured in some accident. Then we get strange tragic creatures—neither man nor woman—hairless, deficient in strength and staying power, dull, indolent, timid and self-centred.

Now we come to the daddy of all the glands, the pituitary—"the leader of the endocrine orchestra," as one cheerful professor calls it.

It's A Mighty Midget

It's about the size of a pea and lies in its special little hole in the skull, under the brain, and just behind the nose. But oh! what that mighty midget can do.

Remember the Fat Boy in "Pickwick Papers"? Remember how his main ambitions in life were to eat and sleep? His trouble was an under-developed pituitary.

Let us go back to the fair-ground again. Come into this tent and see the "tallest man on earth"—nine feet tall in his socks. How did he get that way? His pituitary gland was working too hard during childhood and adolescence. See that dwarf? His pituitary was too lazy.

Those are your main endocrine glands. You see how small they are in comparison with other organs of your body—they govern not only your term of years, but your health.

The father of endocrinology was not Voronoff. He was an 18th Century British surgeon—a queer, rip-roaring swash-buckling fellow called John Hunter, who never delivered a lecture to his students without first taking a great draught of laudanum to nerve him to the ordeal.

Fringe Of The Mystery

In 1770 he found time to prove that glands could be transplanted.

The discovery passed almost unnoticed, but the seed was planted. In 1849 Berthold of France grafted the glands of fowls, and six years later Charles Brown-Sequard demonstrated in Paris that the adrenal glands were essential to life.

Then came a dignified zoologist of Vienna, Eugen Steinach. "Isn't it possible," he asked himself, "that the gonads have a great deal to do with our bodily vigour? Maybe by stimulating them I can hold back the clock." He went to work.

By 1910 he was able to prove that by grafting new sex-glands into rats and guinea-pigs he could keep them young, could even make the signs of old age disappear in already ageing animals.

Then, in 1921, at Toronto University, Scottish Dr. J. J. R. Macleod and his two young Canadian assistants, Drs. Frederick Banting and Charles H. Best, went to work on another problem—those mysterious Islands of Langerhans and their influence on the sugar content of the blood.

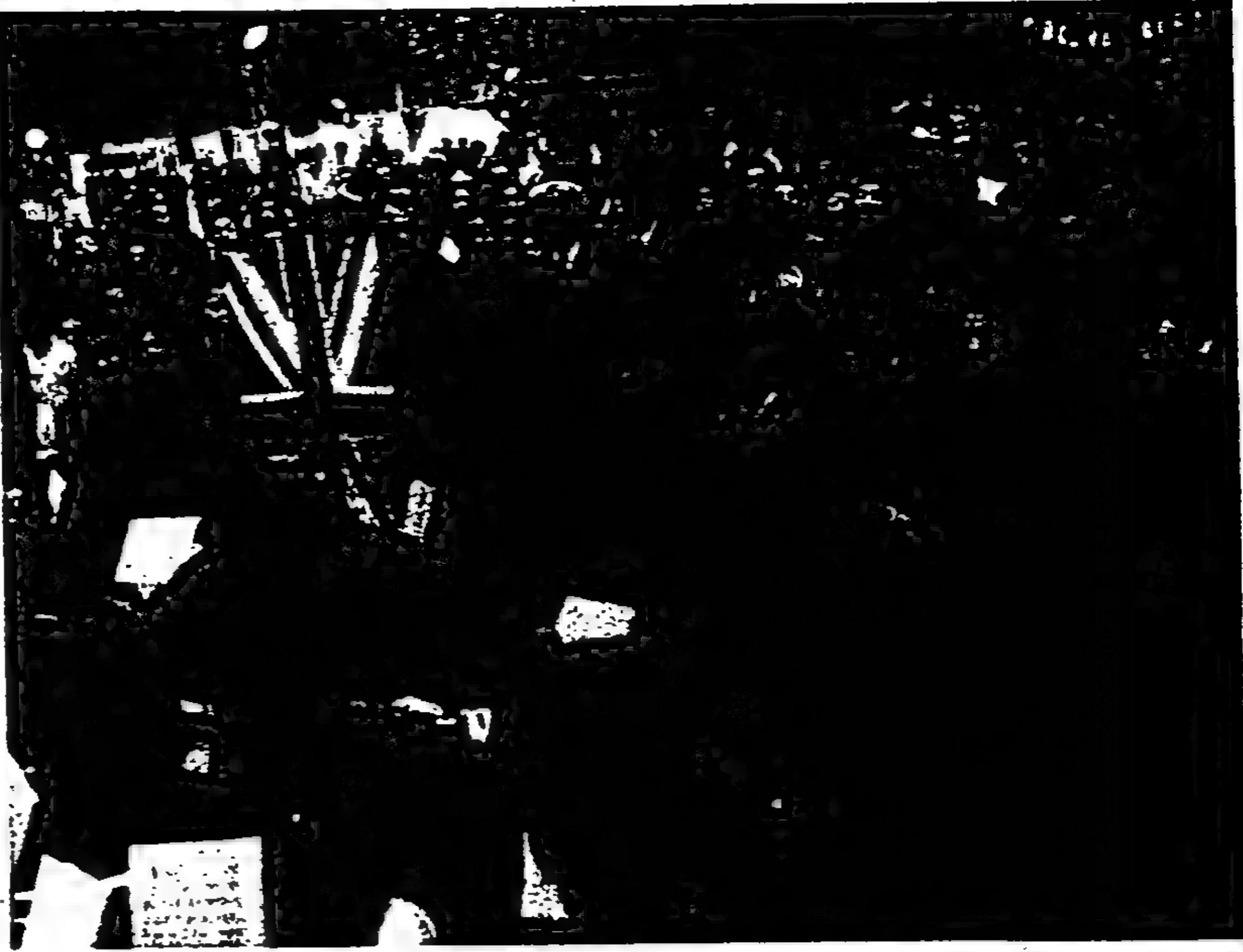
A year later the news flashed across the world: "Insulin isolated. Diabetes conquered."

Now, all along the line the advance continued. Reports from researchers flowed in. It was discovered that the old cumbersome methods of Steinach and Voronoff could be discarded. Extracts prepared from the chopped-up glands of animals and injected, or even swallowed, would do the job as well.



BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION BAZAAR

Sir Alexander Grantham, Patron and Chief Scout, opened the Grand Bazaar of the Boy Scouts' Association last Saturday. On the left His Excellency is shown cutting the tape, and below that, trying his skill with a rifle. Photo immediately below, shows a general view of the crowd listening to the St. Louis Industrial School Band. (Photos: by Francis Wu & China Mail).



Mrs. Erskine, wife of the G.O.C., presenting the Quadrangular Tournament Cup to P. S. Ingman, captain of the Club Rugby XV. (Watson-Gainsborough).

Mr. R. Hazzard, Australian Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, addressing guests on Monday at the Australia Day celebrations held in the Hong Kong Club Annex. (China Mail photo).

ARMY ATHLETIC MEETING

In spite of dismal weather, the Army Inter-Unit Athletic meeting last week proved a great success, and provided excellent times. On the right is Sergt. Major Instructor Easton, winner of the Long Jump with 20 feet, 7½ inches.

Sgt. Major Instructor Easton, making the Javelin throw.



Colonel Black the Bremec, finishing the Three Miles in grand style.



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Corporal Arrowmith, of the Buffs, clearing 5 feet 4 inches to win the High Jump.

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Corporal Larsen, The Buffs, preparing to make his effort in the Javelin Throw.

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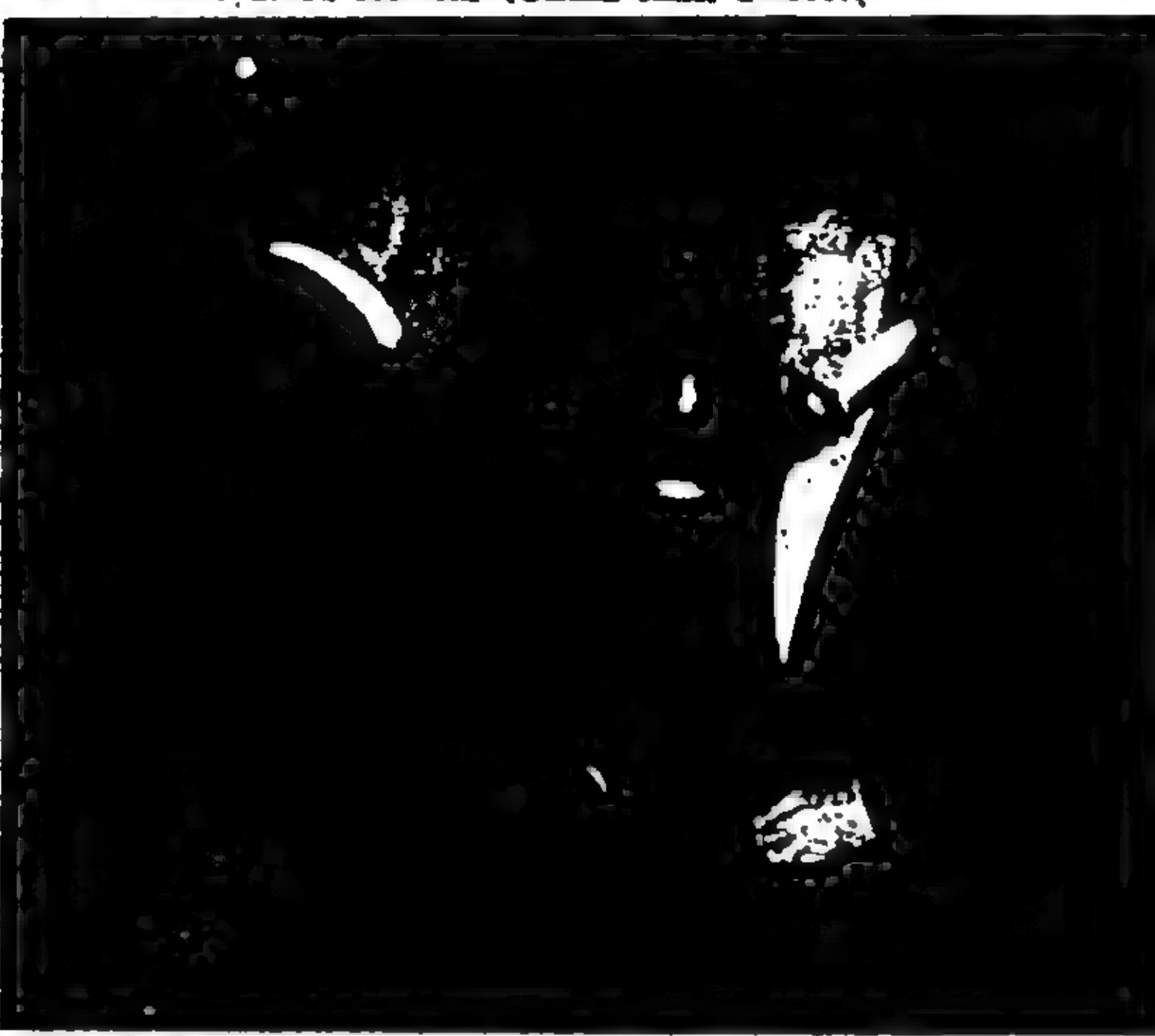
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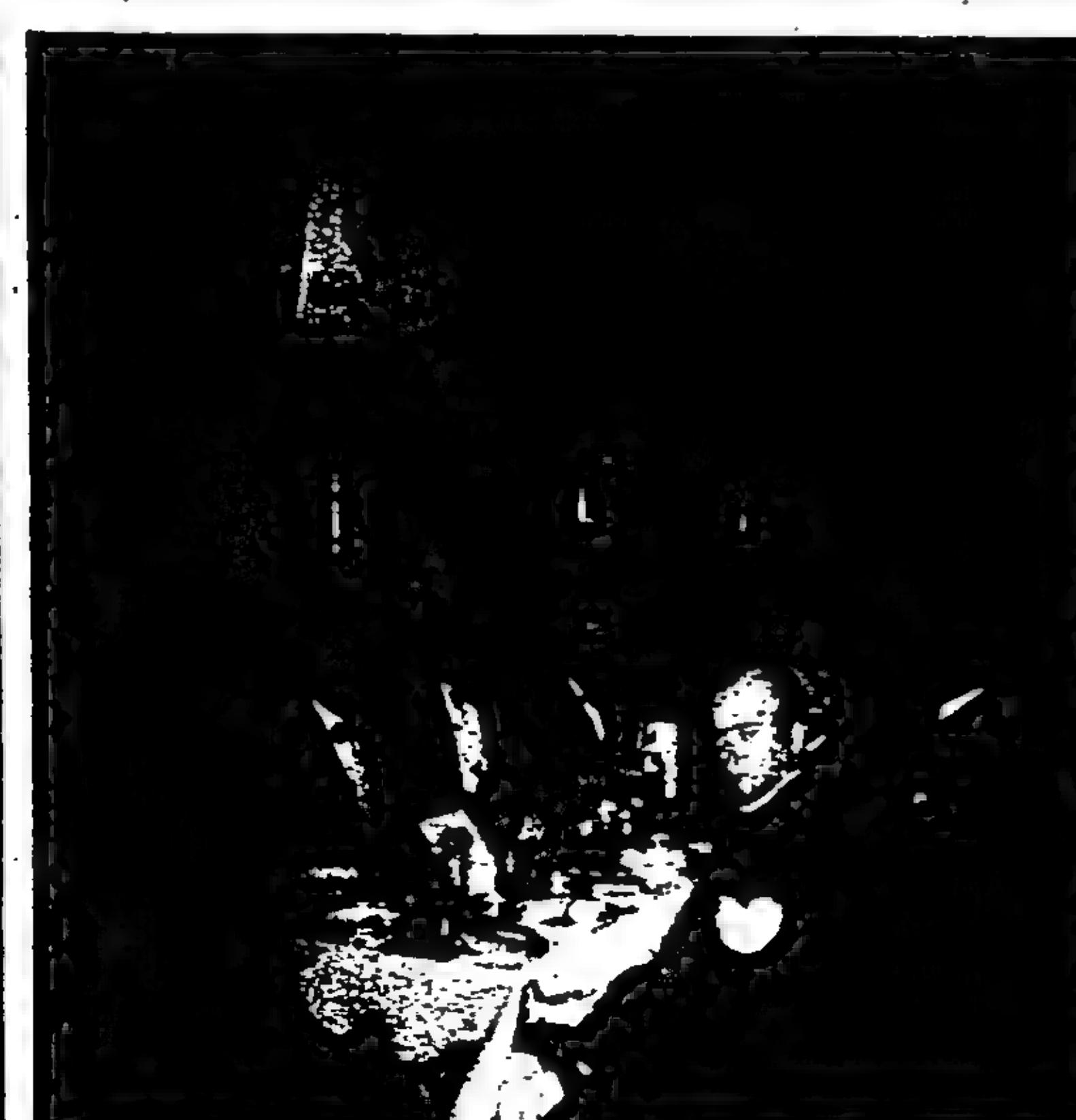
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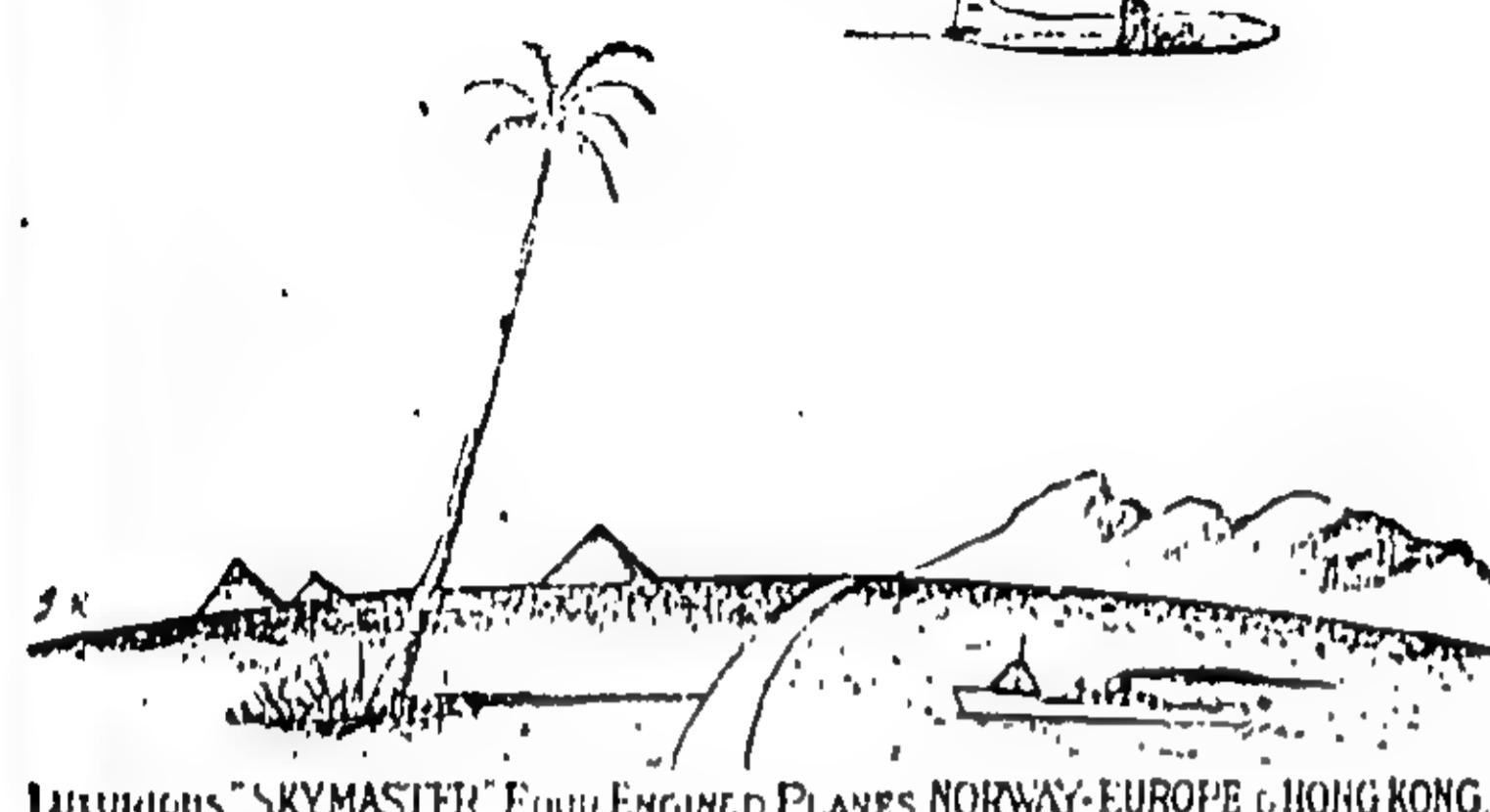
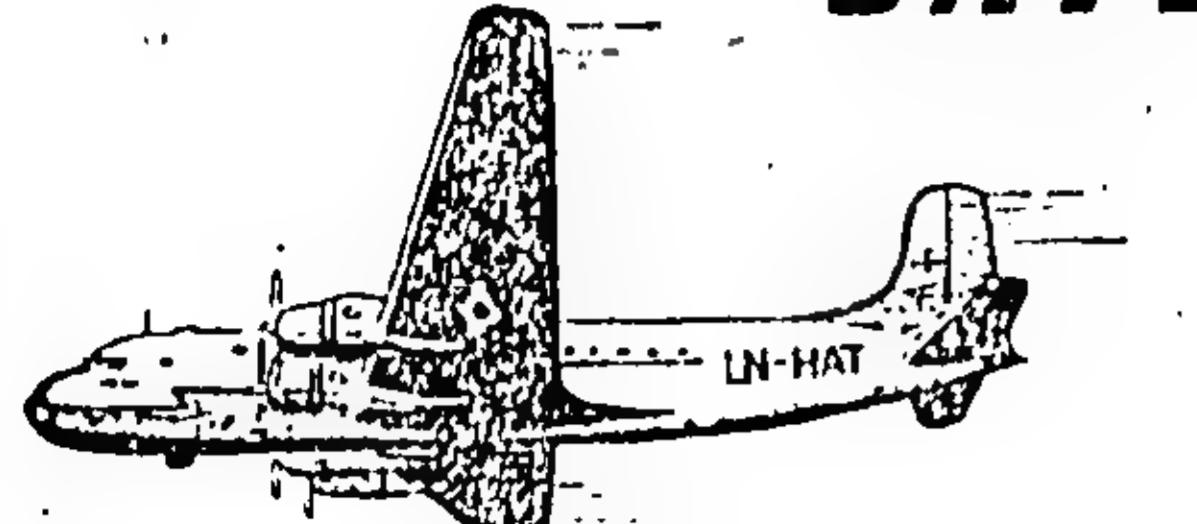


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World Mourns For Gandhi

Britain Shares India's Grief At The Cruel Death Of A Great Man

"Inspiring Example In A Distracted And Troubled Age" — Attlee

News of the assassination of Mr. Gandhi has shocked the world. Everywhere, from London to Nanking, from Washington to Moscow, from Nairobi to Karachi, tributes have been paid to his inspiring example to the people of the world and to the great moral and spiritual example he set to the people of India. His death at such a critical time in the history of the new Dominions of India and Pakistan has been compared to that of President Roosevelt at the end of the war. In the words of a telegram from Mr. Attlee to Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, "the loss of his unique personality will be received in sorrow, not only in this country, but in all parts of the world."

A pungent comment on the crime is reported in a Reuter message from Rome, where Count Carlo Storza, Italy's Foreign Minister, is quoted as saying: "Mr. Gandhi's murder gives the last touch to the atmosphere of bestiality which is everywhere confusing our generation. Europe invented nationalism. This theory is passing to Asia and Africa, now dripping with blood and stained with crime."

London, Jan. 30.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, issued a statement saying: "Mr. Gandhi's 'moral and spiritual leadership' have been an inspiring example on a distracted and troubled age, and Britain will share India's grief at this calamity."

Many politicians associated with the British policy in India, including some of Gandhi's political foes, also expressed their grief. Among them were the former Secretary of State for India, Mr. Leopold Amery; Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer; and a well-known friend of India; and Lord Pethick Lawrence, who was Secretary of State for India when British rule in the sub-continent was drawing to its close. Lord Halifax, former Viceroy of India, said:

"I suppose there are very few men like Mr. Gandhi in the world today who by their personal character and example have been able so easily to impress the thought of their generation."

Mr. Winston Churchill said: "I am shocked at this wicked time."

Paris

Pairs:—The French National Assembly stood in silence when the Acting Speaker read out the news.

It then unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the Premier, M. Robert Schuman, which said:

"The French National Assembly sends to the Government and the people of India its deepest condolences. In the person of Mahatma Gandhi the Assembly honours a friend of France, a patriot, and above all a thinker whose example, we hope, will show the world that love is stronger than hate."

United States

Washington:—A White House spokesman said President Truman described Gandhi's death as "a tragic loss to the whole world."

"Mr. Gandhi was a great Indian Nationalist, but at the same time he was a leader of international status."

"He was revered by the people of India and his influence was felt not only in the affairs of Government but also in the realm of the spirit."

"Unhappily he did not live to witness the full realisation of those ideas for which he struggled for in his life, and his work will be through the years to come, the greatest monument to him."

S. Africa

Capetown:—The South African Premier, General Jan Smuts, said that Mr. Gandhi was one of the "great men of our time."

"A Prince among men has passed away and we grieve with India in her irreparable loss," General Smuts added.

Nairobi:—The large Indian population of Nairobi was deeply stirred by the death of Mr. Gandhi. A large number of the people gathered in the centre of the town this evening to mourn his death and all Indian business premises are to be closed tomorrow.

Egypt

Cairo:—Egyptians, many of whom had only a short time before visited the Mosques for Friday prayers, received the news of Mr. Gandhi's death in shocked silence.

The Egyptian State radio station interrupted its broadcast

the Indian Ambassador here, cables Mr. Nehru:

"The terrible news of India's greatest tragedy has just come over the radio. We have also listened to your broadcast. What can I say to you in this hour of personal and national anguish."

"I send you my love and pledge my undaunted service in the sacred cause for which Bapu has died."

The Indian Embassy here is going into mourning immediately, an official said. The news came as a terrible shock to all members of the Embassy, which tonight received many messages of condolence from members of the diplomatic corps, here.

Pakistan

Karachi: Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor General of Pakistan, tonight said: "I am shocked to learn of this most dastardly attack on Mr. Gandhi, resulting in his death."

Mr. Jinnah added: "I wish to express my deep sorrow and sincere sympathies with the great Hindu community and his (Mr. Gandhi's) family in their bereavement at this momentous historical and critical juncture so soon after the birth of freedom and of Pakistan."

M. Gromyko

Lake Success, Jan. 30.
M. Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, today issued this statement:

"Together with millions of people in all countries, I express my deep sympathy to the Indian people in connection with their bereavement at this momentous historical and critical juncture so soon after the birth of freedom and of Pakistan."

"It is doubtless that, Gandhi, as a political leader, left a deep mark in the history of India and her peoples."—Associated Press.

Ceylon:—The news of Mr. Gandhi's death came as a shock and spread like wildfire through Ceylon. Crowds gathered in the streets to listen to the All-India Radio broadcast and later besieged news agency and newspaper offices with phone calls seeking confirmation.

Mr. V. Giri, High Commissioner for India, told Reuter: "It is terrible. It is too terrible to say anything in words."

The Prime Minister, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, said: "I am too shocked to be able to think what result this tragedy will have not only in India but the whole world."

Sir Oliver Goonatilleke, Minister of Home Affairs, said: "This is an unthinkable tragedy, not only to India but to the whole world. My first thoughts are of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the enormous responsibility that now rests on him."

China

Nanking:—The Chinese Government in an official statement issued tonight by Dr. Hollington Tong, Director of the Information Department—expressed deep regret at Mr. Gandhi's death. The statement said:

"The Chinese Government learns of Mahatma Gandhi's tragic death with a feeling of profound sorrow. A great spiritual leader has been taken from us. The world can ill spare him."

"Mr. Gandhi's death at the hand of an assassin just at the moment of India's freedom is a staggering loss to his people. Mr. Gandhi was the architect of India's freedom. Without his heroic leadership and sacrifice the country would still be far from its goal."

"He symbolised in his own person the highest ideals of his people. The Mahatma was shot down while leading his last noble fight for India's unity."

"His death in the cause of a united India raises him to a pedestal of supreme greatness. China feels the loss with profound grief."

"His ideals will live after him as an inspiration to posterity."

MOSCOW

Moscow:—Immediately after hearing the news of Mr. Gandhi's assassination, Mrs. Pandit

MESSAGE FROM THE KING

London, Jan. 30.
His Majesty the King has sent the following message to Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India:

"The Queen and I are deeply shocked by the news of the death of Mr. Gandhi. Will you please convey to the people of India our sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss which they and indeed mankind, have suffered."—United Press.

TRUMAN: "ENDURING EXAMPLE"

Washington, Jan. 30.
President Truman today said he hoped the "triple death" of Gandhi would inspire the people of Asia to achieve the goals for which he gave his life.

Mr. Truman said, in a message to Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India: "Another great among men has fallen in the cause of brotherhood and peace."

The President also issued a formal statement:

"Gandhi was a great Indian nationalist, but at the same time an Indian leader of international stature. His teachings and his actions left a deep impression on millions of people. He was, and is, revered by the people of India; his influence was felt not only in affairs of government but also in the realm of the spirit."

"Unhappily, he did not live to witness full realization of those ideals for which he struggled, but his life and his work will be through the years the greatest monument to him."

"His struggle for betterment of his people will, I am sure, endure as an example for India's leaders, many of whom were his disciples."

"I know that not only the people of India, but all peoples, will be inspired by his sacrifice to work with increased vigour toward brotherhood and peace, which the Mahatma symbolized."—United Press.

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HOW GANDHI MET HIS DEATH

Head Cradled In Grand-Daughter's Lap

"Bapu Is Finished"

New Delhi, Jan. 30. The 78-year-old Indian whose people called him the "Great Soul of India" died at 12:15 GMT with his head cradled in the lap of his 16-year-old grand-daughter, Mani. Just half an hour earlier, the Hindu fanatic had pumped three bullets from a small calibre revolver into Gandhi's frail body, emaciated by years of fasting and asceticism.

Gandhi was shot in the luxurious gardens of Birla House in the presence of 1,000 of his followers whom he was leading to a little summer pagoda where it was his habit to make his evening devotions.

Dressed, as always, in a homespun sari like dhoti and leaning heavily on a staff of a stout wood, Gandhi was a few feet from the pagoda when the shots were fired.

Gandhi crumpled to the ground, instantly putting his hand to his forehead in a Hindu gesture of forgiveness to his assassin. Three bullets penetrated him at close range—one in the upper thigh, one in the abdomen and one in the chest. He spoke no word before he died.

The moment before he was shot he said—some witnesses believe that he was talking to the assassin—"You are here." The assassin had been standing beside the garden path with his hands folded and palms together before him in the Hindu gesture of greeting. But between his palms he had concealed the revolver with which he shot Gandhi at a range of a few feet. He fired a fourth shot in an attempt to commit suicide but the bullet merely creased his scalp.

Shots from the pistol sounded like a string of firecrackers going off and it was a moment before Gandhi's devotees realized what happened.

They turned on the assassin savagely and would have torn him into bits had not the strong police guards intervened with rifles and drawn bayonets.

"Bapu Is Finished"

Gandhi was quickly borne to Birla House and placed on a couch, with his head in his grand-daughter's lap. Within a few minutes she spoke to the stricken throng, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Premier of India. "Bapu (father) is finished."

Then Mani rose and sat cross-legged beside the body of the man whose life was forfeit for the cause of peace and humanity and began to chant the 2,000-year-old verses of Bhagavat Gita, the Hindu scripture.

Hour after hour, thousands upon thousands of men and women surged to the villa, demanding a last look at Gandhi. They threatened again and again to overwhelm the sweating police who fought with bayonetted rifles to hold them back.

Dramatic Scene

Last night, as the walls of the women and the grief-stricken cries of the men echoed throughout the capital, the full-length windows of the balcony opened suddenly.

Out of the windows stumbled a little group of Gandhi's followers, carrying in their arms the frail body of their leader.

The crowd gasped and surged forward, the body, with its blood-soaked garment covered by a white sheet, was placed in a chair facing the crowd. A spot-light beam blazed on the wizened brown face, and the eyes closed in repose. Little Mani folded her hands before Gandhi's face in a symbol of the last blessing by the leader to his people and lovingly stroked his head.

Earlier, news of the death had spread with almost incredible swiftness. Wailing, moaning and beating their breasts, men and women began converging on the villa from all over the capital. Jewelled women elbowed beggars in the crowd.

Doubt

But once before he expressed doubt that he would attain the goal. That was last summer when he told of his sorrow that rioting Indians had not observed the teachings of non-violence.

Although his fast a year ago succeeded in stopping the Calcutta riots, he was bitter over the bloody Hindu-Moslem fighting which later swept India's capital of Delhi and the Punjab.

"Peace in Delhi, in so far as it is peace, is brought about by police and the military and not by my teachings," he told us.

Did he despair of bringing about non-violence?

"I did not say that," he replied. "A man who believes in non-violence cannot despair; he cannot afford to despair."

"The people have not grasped the technique of non-violence. Somewhere there is a link missing. Non-violence is like God—it cannot fail."

"Truth Is God"

"God and truth are not only convertible terms, but truth is God. It is like a coin. On one face truth is written; on the other, non-violence. It is always possible for the non-violent man to fall if he has not sufficient inward strength. I would place myself in that category."

In our last half-hour talk, Gandhi's words were taken down by one of his secretaries in accordance with the custom of preserving all his utterances.

We talked of the fighting between Kashmiri raiders and Indian troops, of the possibility of fighting between India and Pakistan; and of Gandhi himself.

UNO Flag Half-Masted

Lake Success, Jan. 30. The United Nations today lowered its blue and white flag to half-mast for the first time, in mourning for Mohandas K. Gandhi. The flag will fly at half-mast for three days, as will also the flags of the 57 member nations, usually unfurled in front of the United Nations' own search for peace.

Tram Jumps Rail, Twelve People Die

Wuppertal, Jan. 30. Twelve people were killed and at least 33 injured in a tramway disaster at Wuppertal, in the Ruhr, last night.

A heavily crowded tramcar jumped the rails at the bottom of a steep incline, ran into a standard and finally rammed a tree.

British soldiers helped in the rescue work and moved some of the injured to British military hospital.—Reuter.

UNO Pays Sorrowful Tribute

Lake Success, Jan. 30. The United Nations today paid sorrowful tribute to Mohandas Gandhi, apostle of non-violence and symbol of the United Nations' own search for peace.

The Security Council, worried by the Moslem-Hindu strife responsible for Gandhi's death, postponed its debate.

Council members and the rest of the UN diplomatic corps were shocked by the crime and feared that it portended mounting violence and bloodshed in India and Pakistan.

The Council devoted the afternoon meeting to eulogies on the little Indian leader, then delayed until next week the next round of the dispute between India and Pakistan over Moslem-Hindu disagreements and violence.

Mr. Fernand van Langenhove of Belgium, President of the Security Council, said Gandhi's death had sent "tragic emotion coursing throughout the world."

The United States' delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, said Gandhi's death was "martydom" while the Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, said Gandhi had left a "deep mark in the history of India and her peoples."—United Press.

Stalin's Health Is Good

Warsaw, Jan. 30. Marshal Stalin was in very good physical condition when he received the Polish mission which negotiated the recent Polish-Soviet trade agreement in Moscow, the Polish Premier, M. Josef Cyrankiewicz, said today.

"Mr. Bevin's speech had no influence on the Polish-Russian talks, but we hold the same views on Mr. Bevin's policies," he said.

"The question of a Balkan Union was not discussed. That is not our problem. But Poland hopes to strengthen her political, cultural and economic relations with the Southwestern countries."

"Our agreement with Moscow will aid our reconstruction and thus will aid peace," the Premier said.

M. Wladislaw Gomulka, Communist Vice-Premier, said that no new conference of the nine Communist parties of the Cominform had been arranged but a meeting "will take place if the international situation requires it."

M. Gomulka added that "the system of alliances in the East is not a bloc but is purely defensive in aim."—Reuter.

London, Jan. 30. Britain has acknowledged the receipt on Thursday of a request by the United States for reopening Mollaha air field, near Tripoli, which remains under British jurisdiction pending disposition of the former Italian colony. The request has been taken under consideration.—Associated Press.

Korean Election Plans

Washington, Jan. 30. The chairman of the Korean Commission, Col. Ben Limb, today urged the United Nations Commission in Korea to proceed with elections in the United States Zone in the southern part of the country, since the Soviet Union refused to admit them to the Northern Zone for the purpose.

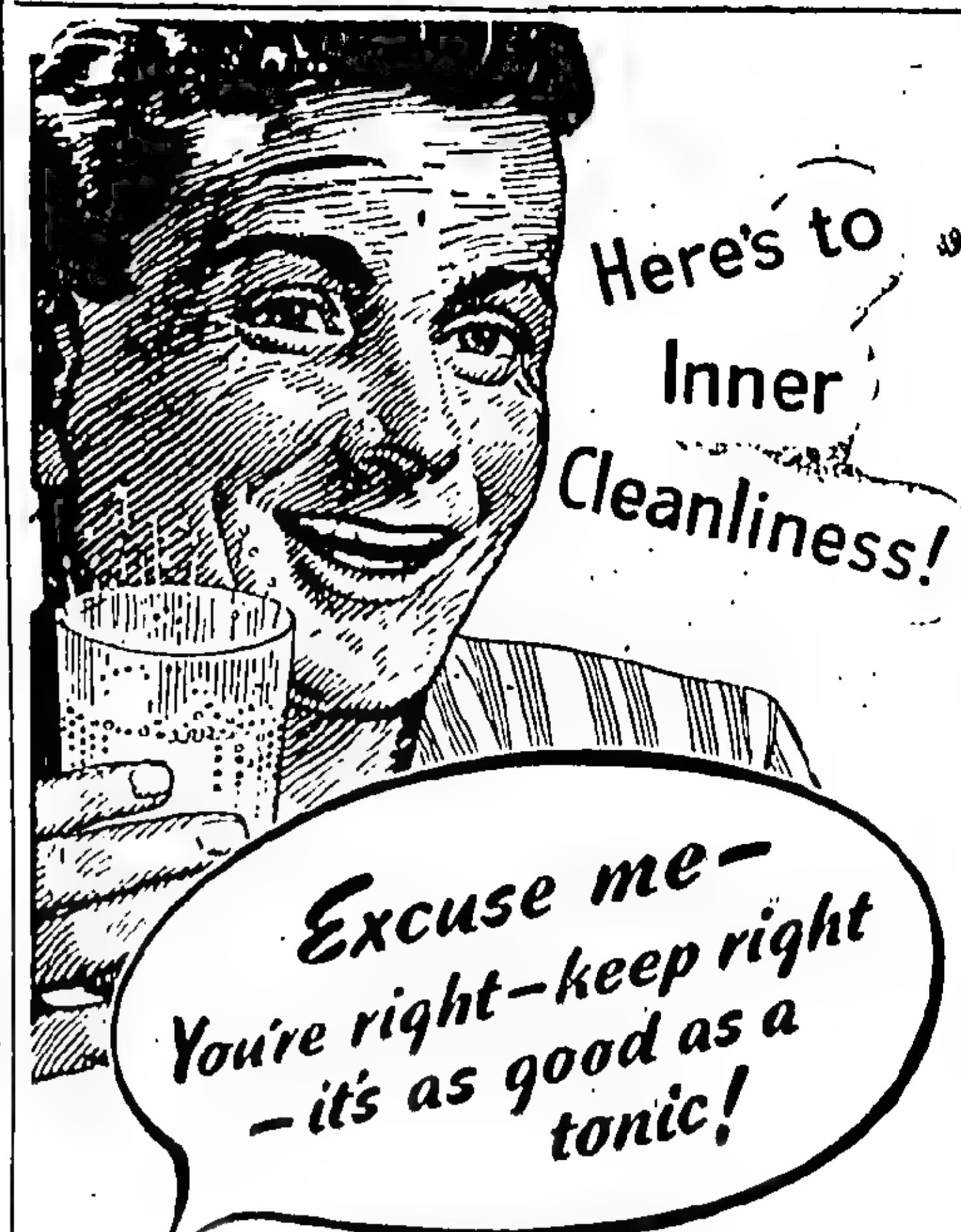
Asserting that the "gravely disturbed political and economic condition of Korea makes any further delay dangerous," Limb said: "It would be a grave mistake for the UN Commission to postpone the plan unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly for election in Korea prior to March 11."

He added:

TOO LATE

Shanghai, Jan. 28. Chinese traders arrived much too late in Japan to secure any profitable trade contracts with the Japanese, according to Mr. Sung Yi-sung, general manager of the Taiwan Sugar Company, on returning here from Japan.

Mr. Sung said the Japanese made tremendous progress in their reconstruction and described their way of handling Japan's trade problems as amazing. Reuter.



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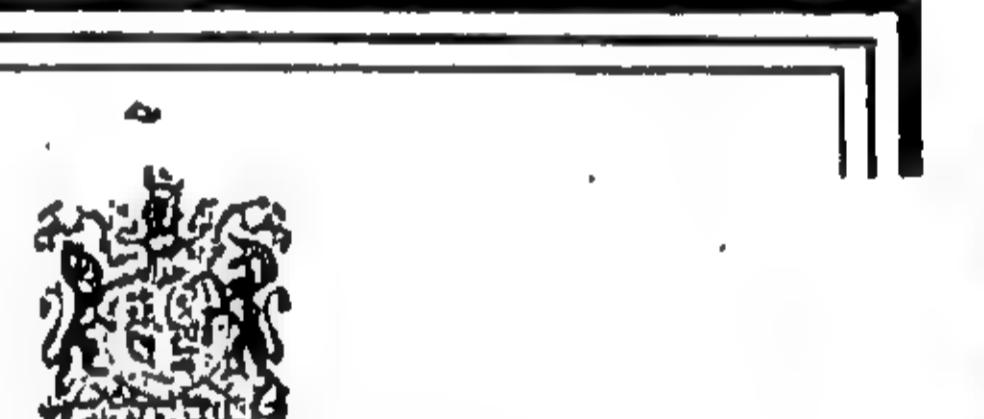
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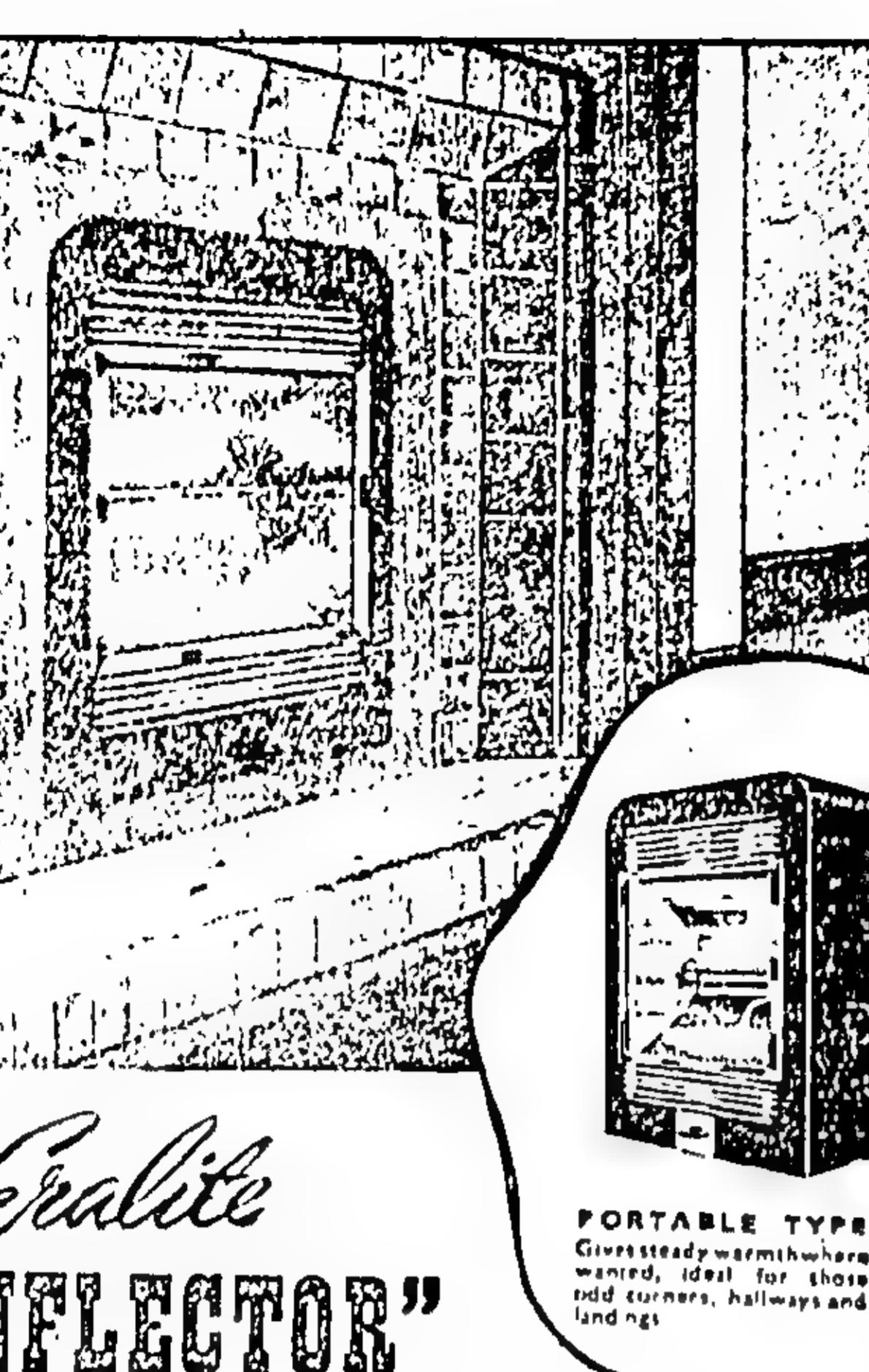
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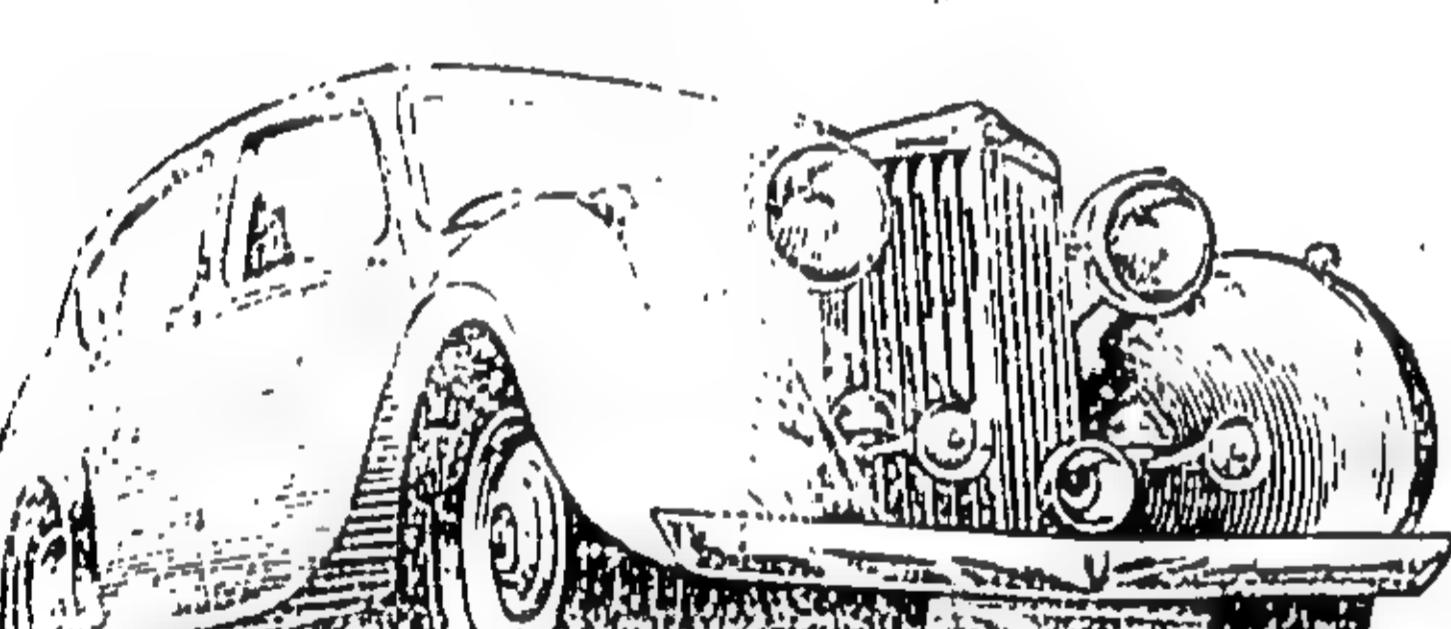


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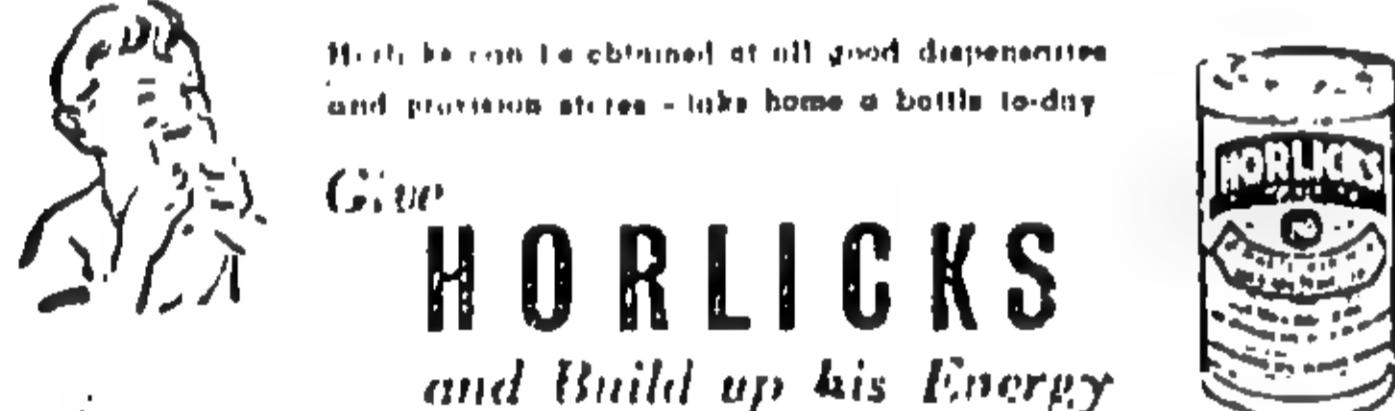
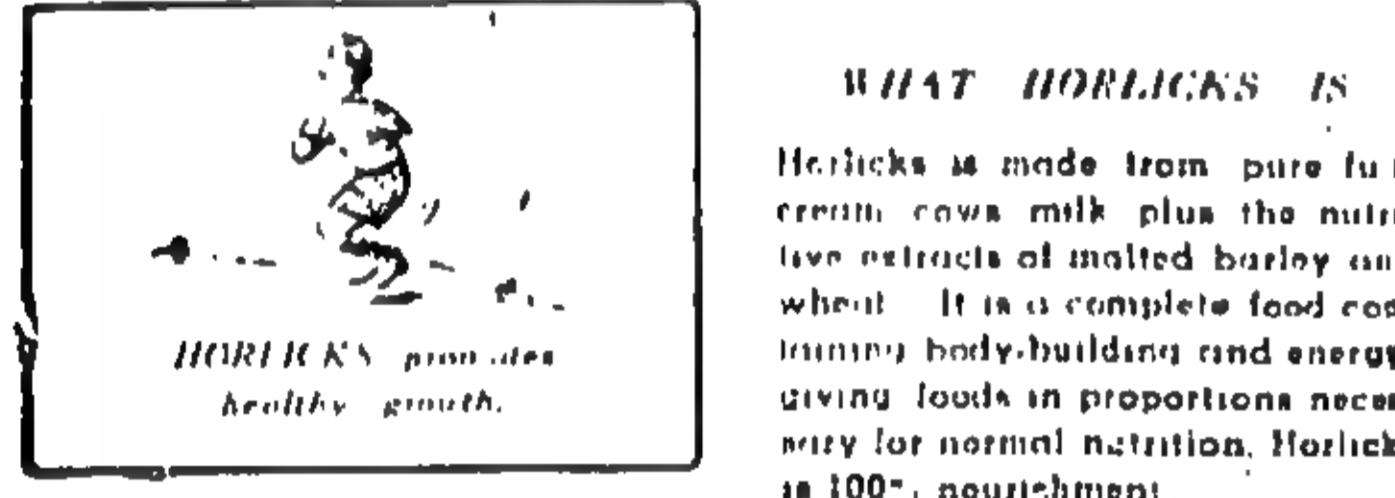
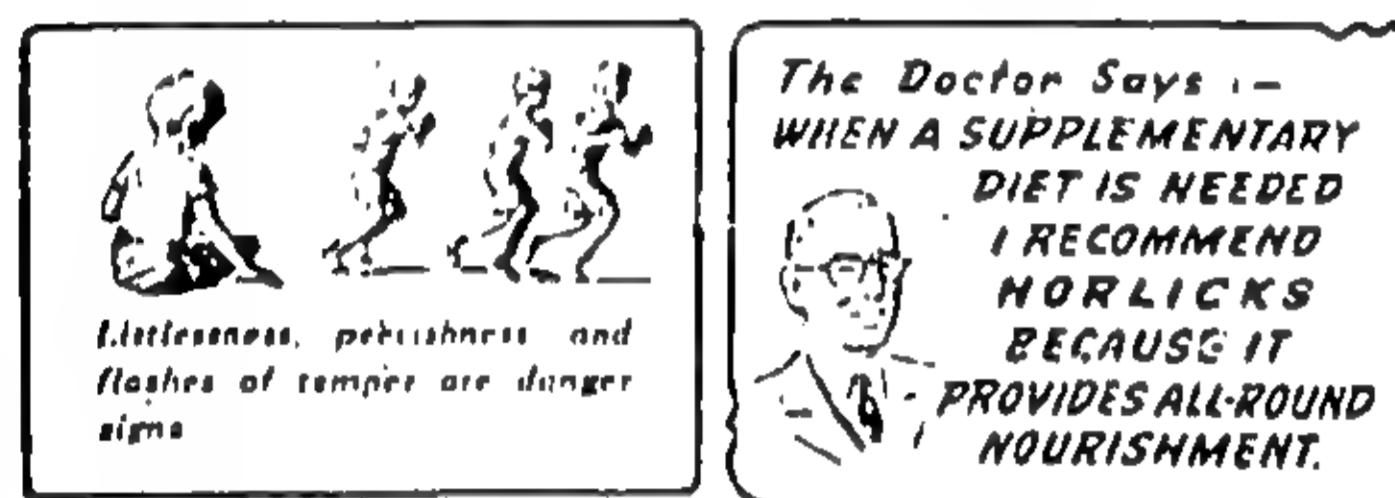
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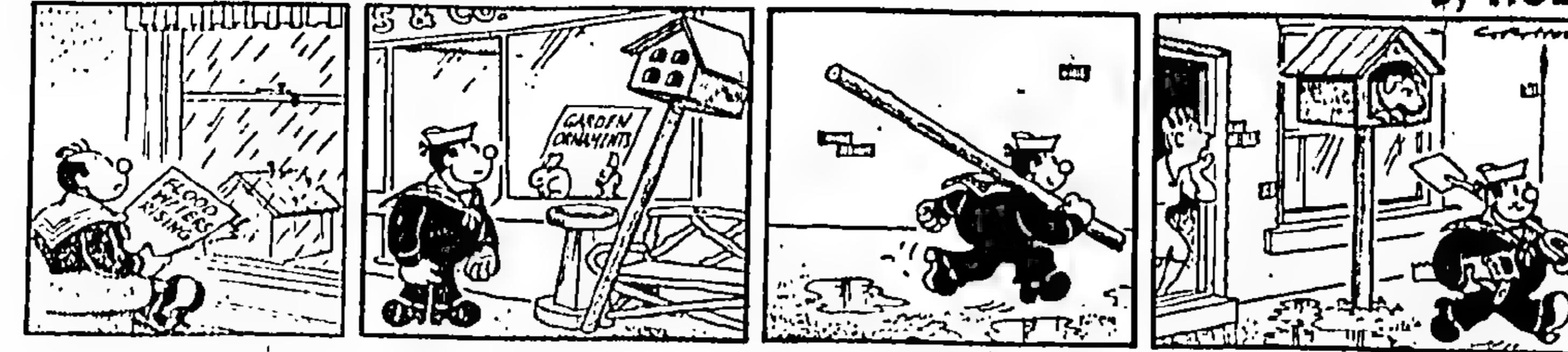
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CONTINUING Inquiry Into Faith... by JACK THOMAS

There are five million men and women living in the world today who will tell you that they know the answers to many of the questions that are troubling mankind.

They call themselves British-Israelites, members of a World Federation which has its strength in Britain, North America, and Scandinavia. Here are some of the things they believe are going to happen:

From now until November 10, they say, the British Commonwealth of Nations will be completing its withdrawal from the existing economic world order, due to collapse by September 22, 1950.

In the three years between September 22, 1950, and August 20, 1953, the world's aggressive military systems will be finally withdrawn.

Between August 20, 1953, and September 17, 2001, there will be a general "cleaving of house" in preparation for what they call the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

And on September 17, 2001, begins the Millennium, an unparalleled period of peace and prosperity for all mankind.

There is no guesswork about all this, say the British Israelites. It has been ordained since time began. It is written in the Old and New Testaments, corroborated by the facts on top of the Great Pyramid. What gives the British-Israelites their unshakable certainty?

The Pyramid's "Message"

For the beginning of the story we must go back 2,000 years before the birth of Christ, when the Egyptian despot Cheops ordered work to begin on one of the greatest engineering projects the world has ever seen—the Great Pyramid of Giza.

For 26 years an army of slaves sweated and died to build this monument, which is 484 feet high, and 760 feet along the base of each side.

The British-Israelites believe that the Pyramid was built to carry a Divine revelation. The men who designed it, they say, foretold the foundation of the British Commonwealth of Nations, and prophesied that the British and American peoples—the "ten lost tribes of Israel"—should lead the world back to God.

Archaeologists more prosaically assert that the structure was intended as a tomb or as an observatory, but when explorers tunneled into the heart of the Pyramid, they found no sign of the mummy of Cheops.

Was the building an observatory? Perhaps. Certainly, whoever designed it must have had an amazing knowledge of astronomy. For the Pyramid stands at the true centre of the land surfaces of the globe. It is exactly oriented to the four cardinal points of the heavens. And the "great circle" coinciding with the centre lines of the ascending and descending internal passages, and the "grand gallery" must, at the date of building, have coincided with an arrangement of stars which occurs only once in every 25,827 years and which establishes the date of the start of construction as 2170 B.C.

Basic facts are the measurements known as the "pyramid inch" (1.001 British inches) and the "sacred cubit" of 25 pyramid inches—the cubit used in building the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant and King Solomon's Temple. It is also necessary to understand such things as the "pyramid displacement factor" and the "gravity constant of reference." It is all very complicated, but what comes out of all this calculating is interesting. The percentage of "hits" in forecasting world affairs is great.

For example, "The Great Pyramid—Its Divine Message," published in 1942, gave January 30, 1947, as a date on which we in Britain could expect really tough economic sledging. It was the date of the Great Freeze last year.

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"Destined To Lead"

British-Israelites claim that only one body fits the description—the British Commonwealth of Nations. They seek to show, by history, ethnology and anthropology that the people

that they would "possess the gate" of their enemies, that they were to "spread abroad to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south," and be a blessing to "all the families of the earth."

Brave New World

They were not promised immunity from war, but they were promised that their kingdom would never be destroyed.

Well, there is an old saying that "Britain always wins the last battle."

Suppose we concede that the Anglo-Saxons are the Chosen People. What message has British-Israel for us to-day?

Stough says: "British-Israel appeals for the closest co-operation between Britain and the U.S.A., based on their common origin and destiny."

It stresses that world leadership rests jointly with these two nations.

"Prophecy indicates that Jerusalem is destined once more to become the centre of the Kingdom of God on earth. It shows that the anti-God powers will have Palestine as the ultimate objective of their campaign."

"Germany, as a continuation of the ancient Assyrian power, is broken, bringing the downfall of other nations which put their trust in the Nazi power. Russia, too, seems closely identified in this, and may be recognized as the people mentioned in Ezekiel as Gog and Magog."

The descendants of these Israelites ("the ten lost tribes") founded the British Empire and the United States of America, who are destined to share world leadership.

The only thing that ruffles Harold Stough is to confuse British-Israel with Zionism.

They believe that the British Commonwealth of Nations are, in effect, God's Chosen People and can never be defeated.

This explains the terrific optimism of the British-Israelites in time of national crisis. It also accounts for the increase in membership during the war and in the uneasy postwar years.

British-Israel teaching is based on Biblical prophecy, backed by the "prophecies" of the Great Pyramid. The latter are bound up with the measurements of the Pyramid, its galleries and its chambers. Unless you are a mathematician, you may find it tough going to follow how they are worked out.

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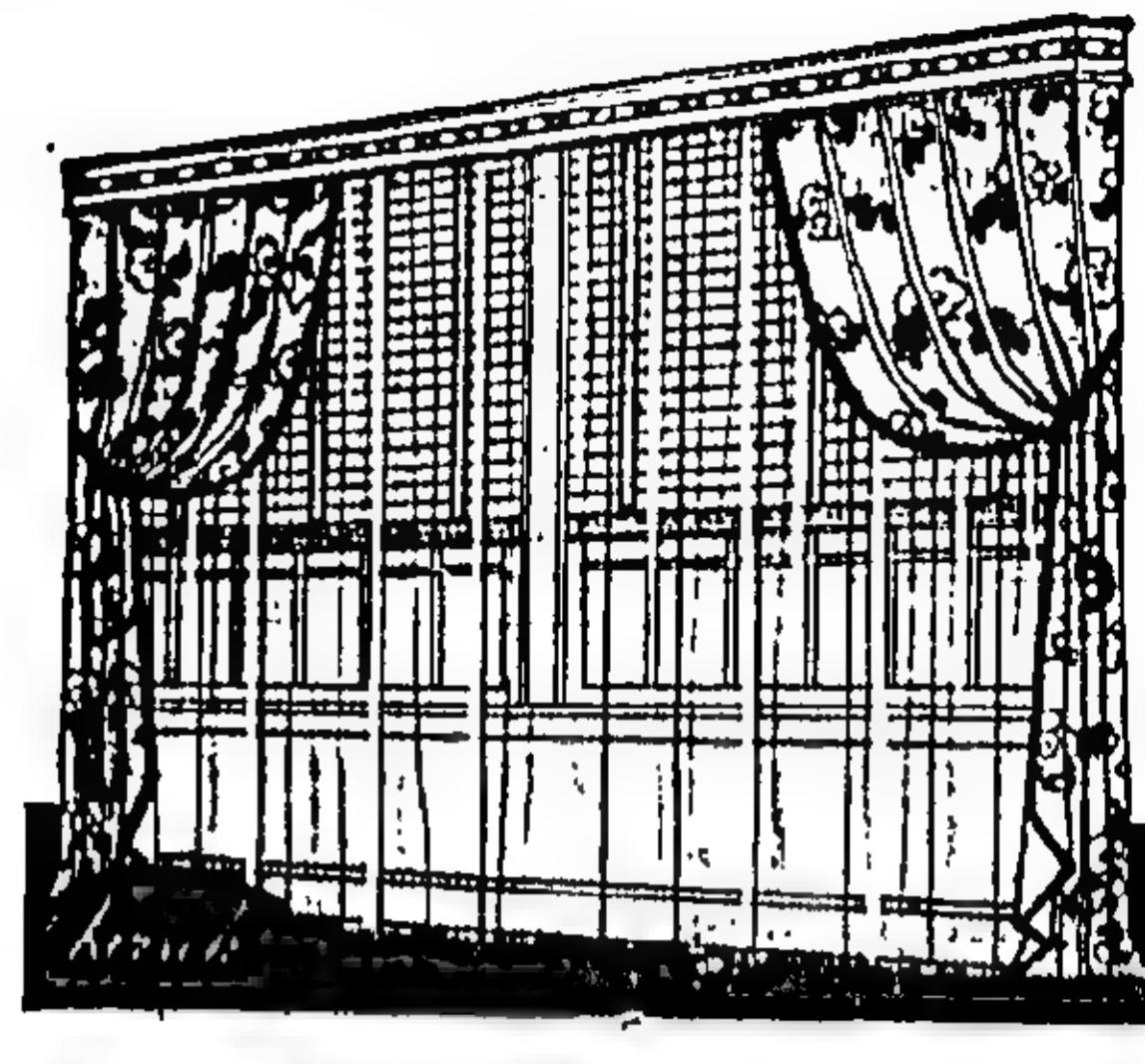
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The National Cotton Council, representing the raw cotton industry of the United States, has spoken out firmly on behalf of the textile industries of occupied Japan and Germany as well as Western Europe, Spain and Egypt. During its recent convention here, the Council adopted unanimously the recommendations of its Foreign Trade Committee. The vote came after a sharp debate during which delegates softened the wording of a resolution concerning the former Axis nations.

The Foreign Trade Committee urged that United States Army and occupation authorities be asked to develop a competent, vigorous and progressive sales organisation, utilising native talents to the maximum extent feasible, to distribute German and Japanese cotton textiles in private trade channels, and that they seek to direct these textiles into the textile deficit areas of the world.

Ben Williams, of New Orleans, a spokesman for the American Cotton Shippers Association, opposed the resolution. He said the shippers did not want the Army to run any sales organisation.

As finally amended, the Council merely recommended

that the United States Army and occupation authorities be asked to develop a competent, vigorous and progressive sales organisation, utilising native talents to the maximum extent feasible, to distribute German and Japanese cotton textiles in private trade channels, and that they seek to direct these textiles into the textile deficit areas of the world.

Spain
Of Spain, the Cotton Council recommended: "That the United States Government reconsider its political economic policies toward Spain with the view of building a more voluminous trade between the two countries. At present, the ambiguous relations between the two countries is militating against trade and especially the sale of cotton."

The Council asked the United States Department of Agriculture to adjust import quotas this year to admit more long staple Egyptian cotton.

The Council said there had been a drastic reduction in American production of cotton one and three-eighths inches and longer.

The resolution requested:

"That, in view of the possibility of a deficit of this type of cotton during the current season, the Department of Agriculture make a determination of any additional quantity needed by the mills, on the basis of product requirements, until the new supply becomes available, and that the department then recommend to the United States Tariff Commission the appropriate adjustment of the import quotas for this year only on Egyptian cotton one and three-eighths inches and longer."

Lack Of Cotton
Meanwhile, cotton industry circles in New York said despite tremendous domestic and foreign demand for cotton fabrics some American mills may be forced to curtail production by March or April for lack of raw cotton which could be obtained from Egypt or Peru.

Although the United States is the world's greatest producer and exporter of raw cotton the nation lacks sufficient quantities of long staple fibre, essential for certain fabrics. A deficit of more than 100,000 bales of long staple has aroused concern of wide sectors of the textile industry. Possibility of production curtailments is also worrying labour circles. — Associated Press.

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Wall Street Briefs

New York, Jan. 30.

Short-term investors were heartened by the improved reception in new stock offerings. It is believed that Union Carbide three for one stock split forebodes moderately higher dividends.

The United States Government is retiring \$2,500,000,000 of public debt during January by utilising heavy tax receipts.

The Federal Reserve is intimating that unless it gets more powers, there may be a general revival of black-markets, should price ceilings be re-established. January's Federal Reserve bulletin stated: "Possible direct control over distribution and prices is likely to be effective only if basic steps are taken to limit buying power." — Reuter.

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ARMY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

H.Q. Land Forces Lose Unbeaten Record

Bates' Hat-Trick For Gunners

Progress in the Army Soccer League this week has been slowed up considerably on account of the semi-final of the Memorial Cup between the Army and the R.A.F. on Thursday.

The one match that was played, however, brought the unbeaten run of H.Q. Land Forces to an abrupt end, when they were beaten by 25 Field Regiment R.A. 4-0 at Gun Club Hill on Wednesday afternoon.

Unfortunately the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit have been forced to withdraw from the League on account of their recent re-organisation which has deprived them of their team. This leaves a total of eight teams competing for the cup.

Played on the RA Home ground at Gun Club Hill this week the match between 25 Field Bty. v. HQF provided a good exhibition of first time passing and tackling by the Artillery team. The HQ forward line was never allowed to settle down, the majority of their attacks being broken up by the swift, firm tackling of the opposing defence in which Craighall at centre-half was always prominent.

Hat-Trick At half time the score was still 1-0 in the Artillery's favour which rather flattened HQF. The second half saw an improvement in the HQ team, Wright and Rogers on the left wing initiating several good moves only to see their efforts frustrated by the opposing defence.

Three more goals were scored at regular intervals in the second half by the RA, all of them coming from Bates the centre-forward. The main cause of trouble to the HQ defence were the RA inside forwards who were allowed too much room in which to move.

The final score of 4-0 was a fair result of a very enjoyable game and does full justice to a good RA team.

Quick Score

The game was only eight minutes old when Marsden, the Artillery outside left, scored with a very good shot from an acute angle that gave Wybourn no chance at all. The RA forwards were keeping the ball on the move and time and time again they tore large holes in the HQ defence. But their finishing was very weak and several good scoring chances went astray.

The HQ forwards were rarely on the picture, and when Tolliday received the ball he

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at \$334.50 a Tael. After rising to \$335 it went on the down grade till it reached \$320.25, from which point it climbed back to \$335. At the close it receded slightly to \$334.

Plaistres opened at \$11.00 a 100, climbed to \$11.05, and closed at \$10.85.

Chinese National Currency had a marketless day and rates were quoted nominal at 32.95 cents for futures and 35½ cents for spot (for CNS10,000).

Ticals were unchanged at \$20.80 a 100, and NEI Guilders appreciated slightly to \$31.00 a 100.

U.S. dollars slid back to \$5.09. Sterling was slightly easier at \$12.88. Australian Pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

Reuter states that the Shanghai open market rates were unchanged yesterday. T.T. on New York per US\$1 and on London per £1, buyers and sellers, respectively, being CNS110,000 and CNS121,000, and CNS370,000 and CNS380,000.

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Week-End Soccer

Preparing For Interports

(By "Rover")

The two representative Soccer games this weekend will be in the nature of unofficial Interport trials in preparation for the coming games against Shanghai during the Chinese New Year holidays.

I have been officially informed that the Philippines Amateur Athletic Association have accepted Hong Kong's invitation to restart the Interport series visiting Hong Kong late in February.

It was hoped to send a team to Manila during the Chinese New Year holidays but owing to the heavy booking of the Rizal Stadium during that period and the fact the lighting arrangements for night football in Manila were not yet complete, Manila had asked for the series to be started by their visiting Hong Kong this year.

Macao Fixture

Added to this an invitation has been received from the Indo-China Football Federation to send a team from Hong Kong

to Saigon some time in March, at Easter or thereabouts. The matter will come up for discussion at the next Interport meeting.

A fourth Interport is in the offing. Macao Football Association are holding a meeting shortly to fix the date for the interport against Hong Kong. Last year Macao visited Hong Kong and were beaten by four goals to two.

All the above Interports are on the books on which pre-war Interports with Shanghai were conducted. The visiting team will pay for their own passage and the Home team will be responsible for everything the moment they land that is for board, lodgings, entertainment and transport.

Added to these four ports, applications have been received from the Chinese football Association of Singapore the Korean Football team, which did so well in Shanghai last season, and I know, one is also coming from Siam, for permission to visit Hong Kong on a percentage basis.

Late in March we will also have the invasion of Chinese footballers from abroad who will be here for the trials and practice for the team to represent China in the World's Olympic.

Whatever may be said of the shortcomings of the Hong Kong Football Association, the alleged inefficiency of referees, the unsportsmanlike actions of some players and spectators and the lack of a stadium, there is something which attracts teams from outside Hong Kong. Visiting teams are always assured of as pleasant a time during their stay here as the Association can afford and are able to give. Gross gate receipts are rigidly checked by Government and the accountants. The statement of accounts can be prepared and payments made a day after any game.

The International Olympic Committee tonight decided:

1. That the 36 ice hockey teams scheduled to be played between nine nations at St. Moritz shall not be recognised as part of the Olympic.

2. That the committee will no longer recognise the International Ice Hockey Federation as the controlling authority for the world's ice hockey.

3. That the committee's grave displeasure be conveyed to a defiant Swiss Olympic Committee which sided with the International Ice Hockey Federation in bringing one of the quarrelling American teams onto the ice this morning to play Switzerland in the first event of the Olympics.

At an earlier meeting lasting most of yesterday the International Olympic Committee had ruled that neither of the American teams should compete in the games. Tonight's ruling by the International Committee provoked the immediate emergency sessions of both the Swiss Olympic Committee and

the International Ice Hockey Federation.

The game was watched by members of the second American team—that supported by the United States Olympic Committee—which had marched to the ice stadium with other American Olympic competitors in proud and colourful opening ceremony of the games.

Walter Brown, President of the American Hockey Association, sponsoring the team which played this morning, commented dourly: "They do the parading; we do the playing."

Sabotage

No sooner had the game been played than another team of American competitors—those riding St. Moritz's famous ice-walled bob run—discovered that one of their two-man bobsleds had been sabotaged. A screw had been loosened in such a way as to ensure the bob hitting with the danger of death, or serious injury to the two riders skating at sixty miles an hour, down the iron-hard corridor.

Since there was known to have been very heavy betting on the bob races, it was thought tonight that this might be an explanation of the sabotage, although there was very little hope of finding the culprit.

More Bitterness

Further bitterness arose later in the day when the manager of the United States Speed Skating team threatened to withdraw all his spectators because he did not agree with the International Skating Union rules.—Ritter.

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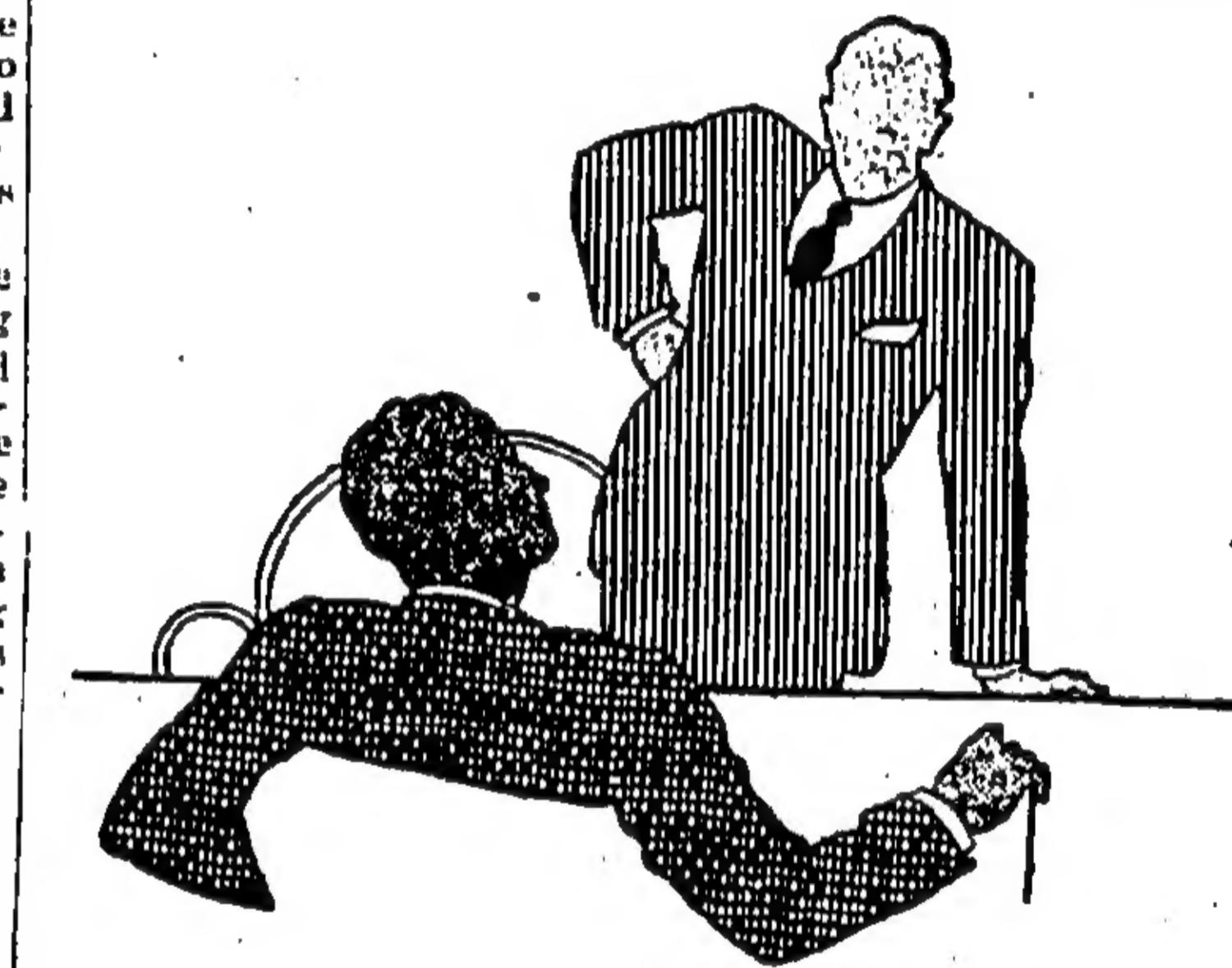
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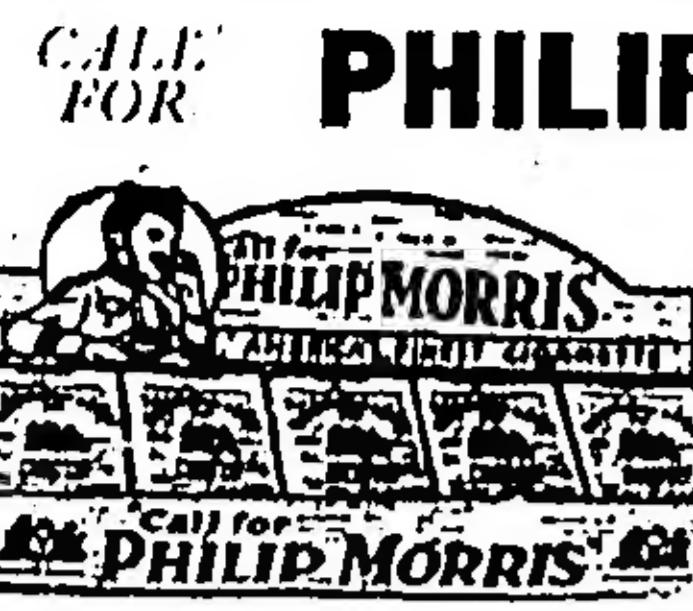
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BADMINTON LEAGUE Three Teams Still Undefeated Needle Match On This Week

(By Argonaut)

Interest In Hockey Reviving

A number of friendly hockey games have been played recently and should stir up interest in reviving the Hockey Association.

There is a large following of this game and daily at the Valley inter-ship games are played while most Battalions and Army units have hockey teams.

Among the Civilians there are Club de Recreio, who in spite of lack of practice, gave Royal Air Force a good game recently, and the Cable and Wireless team.

Club secretaries, not together a number of friendly games could be arranged for weekends and by Easter the Interport game against Macau could be played.

Interest in hockey in Macao is not as great as it was in pre-war days but the Portuguese Colony can still raise a side to give Hong Kong a good game.

Playing at Kai Tak yesterday, Telecom beat R.A.F. by 6 goals to 1.

Navy Men Involved In Ring

Shanghai, Jan. 31. Several United States Navy men, including some officers, are being held here "in protective custody" pending thorough investigations into charges that they were involved in extensive smuggling activities.

The United States Naval authorities have confirmed their detention but refused to disclose their names.

It is reported that among the charges being investigated by the Navy is one that a few naval personnel were involved in a smuggling ring which has agents in Hong Kong and Chinese "businessmen" who dispose of contraband here.

The ring, alleged to have brought into Shanghai quantities of woolen goods, of an estimated value of around US\$20,000.

A United States navy statement said: "No detailed statement can be made since the investigation is still continuing."

London, Jan. 30. Jim Cobb, the famous racing motorist was awarded the Seagrove Trophy for his 1947 world's land speed record.—Reuter.

SERVICES BEAT INTERPORT SIDE

In their last appearance prior to leaving for Shanghai for the first post-war Interport, the Club Interport XV were beaten by the United Services by two tries (6 Points) to one goal (five points) on the Club ground yesterday.

A fair crowd included Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, General Sir Neil Ritchie, General C.H. Gardner and General G.W.E. Erskine, G.O.C. Hong Kong.

Club put up a good showing and in their display should do well against Shanghai. Their forwards played well and were all good. Henderson, at stand-off half, played a fine game, while for the Services, de Rome was outstanding in the three-quarter line.

The game started at a fast pace and early on McWhirter was penalised for feet up in a scrum and the resultant free kick taken by Matheson failed.

Shortly after a good try was scored by Oliver for Club from a line-out on the Services' line. Oliver gave the Club full points with a fine kick.

An excellent movement by the Services three-quarters put de Rome over for a try but the kick by Matheson was charged down.

The interval arrived with Club leading by 5 points to 3. Club had most of the play in the second half but in the last minutes of the game another uncovered try by de Rome gave United Services a narrow victory.—Reuter.

RAF Station Scandal

With the Hong Kong Badminton League now entering its fourth week of play, the three "A" Division teams, Recreio "A," Sing Tao and University "A" are still in the lead in the Men's Doubles.

So far these three teams have not met each other, and the clash between University "A" and Sing Tao this Wednesday at the Y.M.C.A. Court will provide the highlight of next week's fixtures.

Both teams have beaten the Recreio before in friendly matches and the coveted honour of being the Hong Kong League Champions this year will most likely fall on the winners of this encounter. The University has held the Championship uninterrupted since 1936, constantly having its ranks refilled with fresh blood from Malaya. Although not so formidable as in previous years this year's team still numbers three prominent Malaya players in Low Kent Sia, Amiyavaran, and T.T. Chin, who can be depended upon to give strong opposition to any club.

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Local Standard

The announcement of an International Competition for Badminton for the Sir George Thomas Cup has evoked some comments in local sports circles as to the standard of Hong Kong Badminton. Having himself played against such players as A.S. Samuel, Wong Peng-sou, Ooi Teck Hock and Chan Kon Leong in competitive tournaments before the war, the writer will be able perhaps to satisfy some of their curiosity.

On the form shown in the present League matches it must be conceded that the closest that Hong Kong can approach the Malayan standard is that of the Malayan Junior State tournaments. It is true that Low Kent Sia was the Malayan Doubles Champion at one time, but he only makes half the combination here in Hong Kong.

Even the Shanghai standard is probably higher than that of Hong Kong, but this will be seen when the Sing Tao Team visit Shanghai in April to play a series of matches there.

Several reasons can be attributed to the non-improvement of the Hong Kong standard of Badminton, the most important of which is the very little attention shown to it by the local press.

Poor Substitute

There is no shortage of badminton courts in this colony and in fact the number of good indoor courts here is about ten times that in Singapore, where there are actually only two good indoor courts, the Singapore Volunteer Drill Hall and the Singapore Club.

The most important reason, however, is the lack of competitive play other than the Colony Championships which only take place once a year. The League tournament is a very poor substitute since it is only for Men's Doubles and not played according to the usual standard of both Singles and Doubles games.

The Hong Kong Badminton Association should encourage the bands at Lungmen, Hainan and Tengchong, north-east of Canton, the communists said. In other parts of the Province the anti-bandit campaign is being pushed by provincial forces under new commandants.

The Spanish welterweight, A. Diaz beat Midley of Ireland on points, winning both hands well and scoring repeatedly with left jabs and right hooks.—Reuter.

Bandit Drive In South

Canton, Jan. 31.

Concerted land and sea drives against bandits and pirates—"traitorous brigands"—were launched in Kwangtung Province and its coastal waters, a Government communiqué states.

Regular troops have been engaging the bandits at Lungmen, Hainan and Tengchong, north-east of Canton, the communists said. In other parts of the Province the anti-bandit campaign is being pushed by provincial forces under new commandants.

At sea, warships recently sent here from Shanghai are taking part in sweeping the pirates from the Pearl River, Bias Bay and other hideouts.—Associated Press.

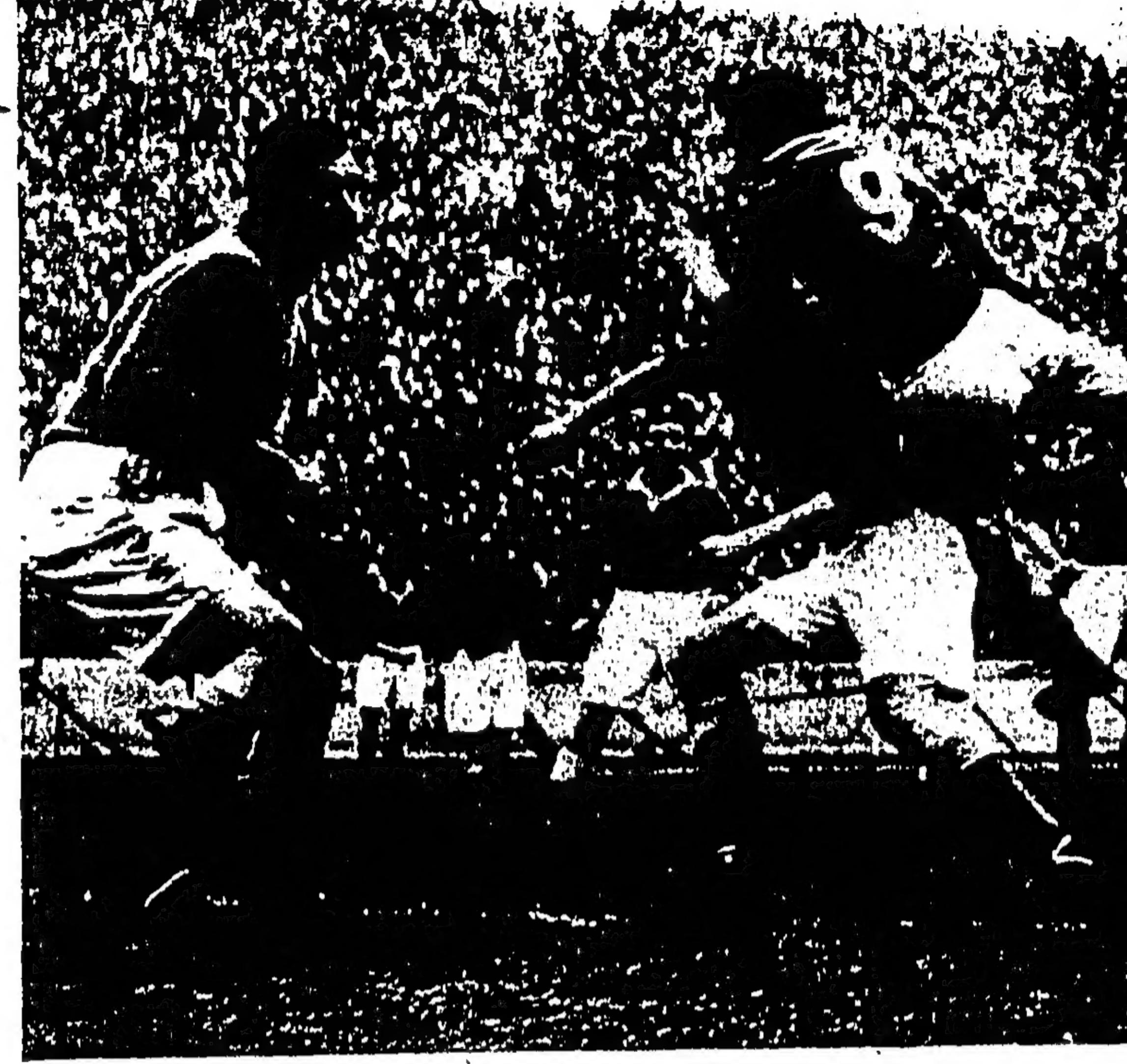
CHINA BUDGET MOVE

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

In an effort to meet the deficit of the national budget, the Ministry of Finance is making arrangements for the issuance of new United States currency Government bonds this year, totalling US\$100,000,000, according to reports from Nanking carried by the "Financial Daily".

The same source quoted a spokesman of the Ministry of Finance as saying that up to Jan. 24, United States currency Government bonds of 1947, amounting to US\$2,490,000 were sold.—Reuter.

Action In The Goalmouth



Ken Armstrong, Chelsea centre forward, leaps into the air to head the ball into Huddersfield Town goalmouth. Robert Hesford (left), goalkeeper for Huddersfield Town, stands ready. The game was played at Stamford Bridge, and Huddersfield won 4-2. (A.P. Photo).

Dicky Richardson's Fine Not Out Century

In their first cricket game after the war, Civil Service Cricket Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by eight wickets in a friendly cricket game at Chater Road yesterday.

Club batted first and scored 137. Owen Hughes was top scorer with 41 which included six boundaries, and Barclay contributed a useful 31, hitting two sixes and four boundaries.

MacLellan, who took four wickets for 48, was the best bowler. Howarth also took four wickets.

Richardson, the Interport opening batsman, was in great form, scoring 107 not out, which included six boundaries in succession. In all he scored 15 fours and two sixes.

H.K.C.C.

M.M. Little, st. Hughes, b Perry 23
L.D. Kilbee, c Hughes, b Howard 16
T.A. Pearce, lbw, b Howarth 6
H. Owen Hughes, not out 41
A. Brown, st. Hughes, b Howarth 31
H. Barrell, c and b MacLellan 1
O.J. Kerr, b Howarth 1
A. Eason, c Perry, b MacLellan 0
M. Harriman, c Clark, b MacLellan 3
D.S. Odell, c Clark, b MacLellan 0
C. Barclay, c Clark, b MacLellan 1
Extras 7

Total (for 2 wkt.) 137

Fall of wickets: 1 for 42, 2 for 51, 3 for 52, 4 for 66, 5 for 105, 6 for 108, 7 for 114, 8 for 132, 9 for 136.

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.
Howarth 17 3 50 4
Perry 9 1 32 1
MacLellan 9 0 48 5

CIVIL SERVICE

J.E. Richardson, not out 107
Colledge, c Kerr, b Harrelman 43
Perry, lbw, b Owen Hughes 7
MacLellan, not out 19
Extras 19

Total (for 2 wkt.) 195

Fall of wickets: 1 for 53, 2 for 121.

Rose, Howarth, Hughes, Clarke, Whibley, Hawkins and Crutwell did not bat.

BOWLING

O. M. R. W.
H. Owen Hughes 9 1 32 1
Pearce 9 0 18 0
Barclay 9 0 53 0

Harriman 6 0 26 1
Odell 3 0 24 0
Kilbee 2 0 23 0

NEW WOMAN'S RECORD

London, Jan. 31.

Miss Margaret Lucas, a 22-year-old physiotherapist at an Epsom Hospital, has created a record unique in British athletics.

Three times in the 1947 season, she broke the British women's record for throwing the discus and all of them have now been ratified. Her last two efforts were 119 feet five inches at Chiswick on August 2 and 127 feet 3 1/2 inches at Epsom on August 23.

No other man or woman athlete had three such records accepted during one season.—Reuter.

RAF Station Scandal

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